MEDICAID PUTTING CALIFORNIA CHILDREN ON A PATH TO SUCCESS

Medicaid and Healthy Families (CHIP) provide health insurance for California children; bring federal dollars into the state; and help children grow into healthy, productive adults.

PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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- 100% of children in foster care
- 82% of children who live in or near poverty
- 50% of children born to moms covered by Medicaid
- 43% of children with disabilities or special health care needs such as diabetes and asthma
- 46% of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers

WHERE MEDICAID FITS IN:

CHILDREN’S COVERAGE IN CALIFORNIA

- 43% Medicaid and Healthy Families
- 46% Employer-sponsored insurance
- 2% Other, including Medicare, Tricare, VA
- 6% Direct purchase, including Marketplace
- 3% Uninsured

HELPING CHILDREN SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND LIFE

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAID

- MISS LESS SCHOOL
- DO BETTER IN SCHOOL
- GRADUATE AND ATTEND COLLEGE
- BECOME HEALTHIER ADULTS
- EARN HIGHER WAGES
- PAY MORE IN TAXES

ENSURING HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT FROM THE START

Medicaid guarantees access to care for children through its Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment benefit, known as EPSDT.

EPSDT is one of the best ways Medicaid helps vulnerable children stay healthy and on track with their peers. It:

- Identifies problems **early**
- Checks children’s health at **periodic** intervals
- Provides development, vision, and hearing **screenings** to detect problems
- Performs **diagnostic** tests to identify risks
- Provides **treatment** for any problems found

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KEEPMEDICAID STRONG
Medicaid faces serious threats in states where enrollment barriers such as work reporting requirements, budget cuts, and moves to block grant or cap Medicaid funding are being proposed. Actions like these prevent Medicaid from doing its job of providing health insurance. We must prevent harmful changes that add costly administrative burden for states while also taking away people’s health coverage.

KEEP CHILDREN COVERED
States have made historic gains in covering children. But, with coverage rates stalling or headed in the wrong direction, we must double down on efforts to reach and enroll eligible children, focus on system improvements to keep them covered, and ensure that parents have health insurance, so they can keep themselves and their families healthy.