PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR IOWA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Children make up 48% of Iowa residents covered by Medicaid and Hawk-I.

This equals 334,623 Iowa children, including:
- 100% of children in foster care
- 76% of children who live in or near poverty
- 37% of children born to moms covered by Medicaid
- 46% of children with disabilities or special health care needs such as diabetes and asthma
- 38% of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers

WHERE MEDICAID FITS IN: CHILDREN’S COVERAGE IN IOWA

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
WE MUST PROTECT CHILDREN’S COVERAGE

KEEP MEDICAID 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.