

MEDICAID AND CHIP CONNECT KIDS TO HEALTH CARE IN EVERY PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITY



Across Pennsylvania, from our rural communities to our urban centers, kids rely on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for their comprehensive health insurance, including more than 1.1 million children enrolled in Medicaid and more than 179,000 children enrolled in CHIP.

Nearly half (46%) of all Pennsylvania children receive health insurance through Medicaid or CHIP

Especially during tough economic times, Medicaid and CHIP play a pivotal role in providing children a lifeline to access health care, which gives parents the peace of mind knowing their children have quality coverage. This safety net has been as important as ever during the COVID-19 health pandemic and resulting economic crisis.

In fact, we've seen unprecedented increases in enrollment as more children and their families have turned to Medicaid and CHIP. During the first six months of the COVID-19 pandemic, enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP increased by 5% or by more than 69,000 children.

We urge elected lawmakers to keep Medicaid and CHIP strong by supporting adequate federal and state funding necessary to meet the increased level of need in Pennsylvania.

As the severity of COVID-19's impact continued on for months, and now into 2021, the importance of sufficient, stable funding for the Medicaid and CHIP programs at both the state and federal levels is more critical now than ever for children and families, especially in light of Pennsylvania's estimated \$3.5 billion budget deficit for FY 2021-22.

HEALTH INSURANCE MATTERS FOR A HEALTHY CHILDHOOD!

Access to quality health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP through regular doctor visits to track growth and development, identify and address delays or concerns and to receive immunizations is key in helping children reach their full potential. We all benefit when our children are healthy and can contribute to our communities.

PENNSYLVANIA CHILDREN ENROLLED IN MEDICAID AND CHIP BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Congressman	MA Enrollment <19 Years (Sep 2020)	CHIP Enrollment <19 Years (Sep 2020)	Total Child Enrollment (Sep 2020)	Estimated Percent of Child Population	Estimated Percent of Total Population
Fitzpatrick (R-1)	41,010	10,526	51,536	30%	7%
Boyle (D-2)	130,244	13,008	143,252	75%	20%
Evans (D-3)	100,646	8,335	108,981	73%	15%
Dean (D-4)	43,539	9,201	52,740	31%	7%
Scanlon (D-5)	73,452	10,785	84,237	48%	12%
Houlahan (D-6)	58,628	10,536	69,164	37%	10%
Wild (D-7)	69,489	12,057	81,546	48%	12%
Cartwright (D-8)	76,783	9,452	86,235	54%	12%
Meuser (R-9)	56,987	9,990	66,977	42%	9%
Perry (R-10)	72,987	11,133	84,120	50%	12%
Smucker (R-11)	56,412	13,045	69,457	38%	10%
Keller (R-12)	53,711	8,379	62,090	39%	9%
Joyce (R-13)	59,792	11,437	71,229	44%	10%
Reschenthaler (R-14)	56,674	9,038	65,712	43%	9%
Thompson (R-15)	54,399	8,273	62,672	41%	9%
Kelly (R-16)	66,208	8,114	74,322	44%	11%
Lamb (D-17)	43,867	8,136	52,003	33%	7%
Doyle (D-18)	63,219	7,933	71,152	50%	10%
Sen. Bob Casey (D- statewide)	1,178,047	179,378	1,357,425	46%	11%
Sen. Pat Toomey (R- statewide)					

Note: The totals above will not match the enrollment counts provided monthly by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services due to report timing differences. Monthly Medicaid child enrollment includes youth ages 19-20: an additional 101,562 youth ages 19-20 were also served in September 2020. CHIP data does not reflect the 103 youth who turned 19 in September 2020.



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