



## All Children Need Health Coverage that is Affordable, Comprehensive, and Simple.

### Health Coverage for Connecticut's Children:

- 53,000 children are uninsured (6.1% of all children). \*
- 255,153 children are enrolled in Medicaid. \*\*
- 22,270 children are enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). \*\*\*

### How affordable is health coverage for Connecticut's children? †

- CHIP eligibility is up to 300 percent of poverty (\$66,150 for a family of four)
- Medicaid eligibility is 185 percent of poverty (\$40,793)

### How simple are enrollment procedures in CHIP and Medicaid for Connecticut's children?

- Simplification procedures:
  - Administrative verification of income
  - No face-to-face interview
  - No asset test
  - Joint application
  - Presumptive eligibility for Medicaid—so children do not have to wait for their application to be processed before seeing a doctor
- Barriers that remain:
  - No presumptive eligibility for children in CHIP—which forces children to wait until their application is processed before they can see a doctor.
  - No 12-month continuous eligibility
  - 2 month waiting period

**Call your Member of Congress and tell them:** *Health reform needs to make sure that ALL children in Connecticut and America have health coverage that is affordable, comprehensive, and simple. A pound sign (#) designates Members who serve on one or more of the committees that developed the health reform bills being considered in the House and Senate.*

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<sup>\*</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, 2007, 2008, and 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC); and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, "State Single Year of Age and Sex Population Estimates: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2008 - RESIDENT," at <<http://www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/files/SC-EST2008-AGESEX-RES.csv>> . Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

<sup>\*\*</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, FY2006 Medicaid Statistical Information System, at <http://msis.cms.hhs.gov/>, accessed June 5, 2009. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, SCHIP Statistical Enrollment Data System, January 20, 2009, at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCHIPPolicy/downloads/FY2008StateTotalTable012309FINAL.pdf>, accessed June 2, 2009. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

<sup>†</sup> Georgetown Center for Children and Families; "State Snapshot—Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility Levels and Enrollment and Renewal Procedures." <http://ccf.georgetown.edu/index/cms-filesystem-action?file=statistics/snapshot.pdf>, accessed October 12, 2009.