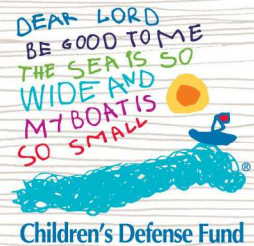


# Children's Defense Fund

## Health Coverage for All Children: Hawaii

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

#### Health Coverage for Hawaii's Children:

- 17,000 children are uninsured (5.6% of all children). \*
- 92,841 children are enrolled in Medicaid. \*\*
- 28,803 children are enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). \*\*\*

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

- Children's eligibility is up to 300 percent of poverty (\$66,150 for a family of four) through Hawaii's Medicaid expansion program (which includes CHIP).

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

- Simplification procedures:
  - Administrative verification of income
  - No waiting period
  - No face-to-face interview
  - No asset test
- Barriers that remain:
  - No 12-month continuous eligibility
  - No presumptive eligibility—which forces children to wait until their application is processed before they can see a doctor

*Despite difficult economic times, Hawaii was one of 23 states that took steps to improve health coverage for children in the last year. In 2009, Hawaii approved a measure to provide additional funding to a limited-benefit coverage program for children who are not eligible for Medicaid. ‡*

**Call your Member of Congress and tell them:** *Health reform needs to make sure that ALL children in Hawaii 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> Georgetown Center for Children and Families; "State Snapshot—Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility Levels and Enrollment and Renewal Procedures." <http://ccf.georgetown.edu/index/cms-file-system-action?file=statistics/snapshot.pdf>, accessed October 12, 2009.

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