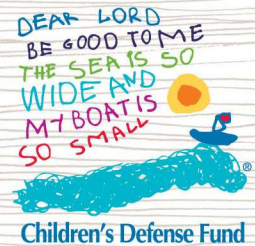


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Health Coverage for All Children: Maryland

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

Health Coverage for Maryland's Children:

- 129,000 children are uninsured (9.0% of all children). *
- 359,376 children are enrolled in Medicaid. **
- 132,864 children are enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). ***

How affordable is health coverage for Maryland's children? †

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

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

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

Do children in Maryland's CHIP program receive the same comprehensive benefits as children in Medicaid?

- Yes. Maryland is one of 13 states (plus the District of Columbia) that has used CHIP funding to cover all children eligible for CHIP and Medicaid under one program. As a result, children in CHIP in these states receive the same comprehensive health and mental health coverage (through the Early and Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit) that all children in Medicaid receive.

Call your Member of Congress and tell them: *Health reform needs to make sure that ALL children in Maryland 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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