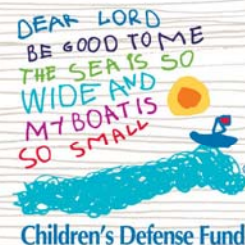


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Health Coverage for All Children: New Hampshire



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

Health Coverage for New Hampshire's Children:

- 19,000 children are uninsured (6% of all children). *
- 82,526 children are enrolled in Medicaid. **
- 12,236 children are enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). ***

How affordable is health coverage for New Hampshire's children? †

- CHIP eligibility is up to 300 percent of poverty (\$66,150 for a family of four).
- Full cost CHIP buy-in for young adults age 19-26 under 400 percent of poverty
- Medicaid eligibility is 300 percent of poverty for children 0-1, and 185 percent of poverty (\$40,793) for children 1-19.

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

- Simplification procedures:
 - No face-to-face interview
 - No asset test
 - Joint application
 - Presumptive eligibility for children in Medicaid
- Barriers that remain:
 - No 12-month continuous eligibility
 - 6 month waiting period
 - No administrative verification of income—the state requires parents to provide proof of income before a child can get health coverage
 - No presumptive eligibility for children in CHIP-- which forces children to wait until their application is processed before they can see a doctor

*Despite difficult economic times, **New Hampshire was one of 23 states that took steps to improve health coverage for children in the last year.** In 2009, New Hampshire expanded coverage for young adults ages 19 to 26 who cannot be included in their family's health insurance plan and whose incomes are below 400 percent of poverty. †*

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