

# Children's Defense Fund

## Health Coverage for All Children: Missouri

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

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

- 138,000 children are uninsured (9.1% of all children). \*
- 607,488 children are enrolled in Medicaid. \*\*
- 86,261 children are enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). \*\*\*

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

- CHIP eligibility is 300 percent of poverty (\$67,050 for a family of four).
- Medicaid eligibility is 185 percent of poverty (\$41,348) for children 0-1, 133 percent of poverty (29,726) for children 1-5 and 100 percent of poverty (\$22,350) for children 1-19.

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

- Simplification procedures:
  - No face-to-face interview
  - Joint application
  - Presumptive eligibility for children in Medicaid—which allows children to see a doctor while their application is still being processed
- Barriers that remain:
  - 6-month waiting period for children in families between 150 and 300 percent of poverty
  - No 12-month continuous eligibility for children
  - No presumptive eligibility for children in CHIP—which forces children to wait until their application is processed before they can see a doctor
  - Net worth test of \$250,000 for children in families above 150 percent of poverty
  - No administrative verification of income—the state requires parents to provide proof of income before a child can get health coverage

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

- Yes. Missouri is one of 14 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.

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<sup>\*</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau 2008, 2009, 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to the Current Population Survey (CPS); Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Single-Year of age Sex for the United States and States, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2009, at <<http://www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/files/SC-EST2009-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: Medicaid Statistical Information System, at <http://msis.cms.hhs.gov/>, accessed January 19, 2011. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund, 1/11.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CHIP Statistical Enrollment Data Systems (SEDS) forms CMS21E, CMS-64, 21E, CMS-21waiver, October 26, 2010. 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-file-system-action?file=statistics/snapshot.pdf>, accessed January 1, 2011.