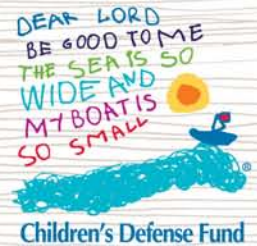


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## Health Coverage for All Children: New Hampshire



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

#### Health Coverage for New Hampshire's Children:

- 15,000 children are uninsured (4.7% of all children).<sup>\*</sup>
- 85,405 children are enrolled in Medicaid.<sup>\*\*</sup>
- 10,630 children are enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).<sup>\*\*\*</sup>

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

- CHIP eligibility is up to 300 percent of poverty (\$67,050 for a family of four).
- Full cost CHIP buy-in for children between 301- 400 percent of poverty.
- Medicaid eligibility is 185 percent of poverty (\$41,348) for children 0-19.

#### 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

<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-filesystem-action?file=statistics/snapshot.pdf>, accessed January 1, 2011.