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New and Noteworthy

### NEW SURVEY INDICATES SCHIP ENROLLMENT DECLINED FOR FIRST TIME IN PROGRAM'S HISTORY IN SECOND HALF OF 2003

A new report, *SCHIP Program Enrollment: December 2003 Update*, prepared with researchers at Health Management Associates for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured (KCMU), finds that enrollment in SCHIP declined during the second half of 2003. This is the first time enrollment in the program has declined since the enactment of the SCHIP program. Enrollment declines in 11 states and the District of Columbia offset moderate increases in enrollment in 37 other states, according to the new 50-state survey. More than half the national enrollment decline is attributable to the drop in coverage in Texas alone. The survey shows that while annual enrollment in SCHIP increased by 4.2% in 2003, the increase was less than half the 9.7% increase in 2002. The report examines state actions that have lead to the enrollment decreases.

*SCHIP Program Enrollment: December 2003 Update* can be found online at:

<http://www.kff.org/medicaid/kcmu072304pkg.cfm>

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### ABBREVIATIONS and ACRONYMS

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KCMU – Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured  
SCHIP - State Children's Health Insurance Program

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