Medi-Cal & Healthy Families: Covering California’s Children

In large part thanks to Medi-Cal (Medicaid) and Healthy Families (CHIP), 97% of California children have health coverage. Our most vulnerable families count on these programs to help their children grow into healthy, productive adults.

BUILT TO HELP CHILDREN

Medicaid and CHIP guarantee children the services they need to grow up healthy and thrive:

- Check-ups
- Dental care
- Immunizations
- Prescriptions
- Health screenings

42% of Medi-Cal and Healthy Families enrollees are children.

COVERING CHILDREN WHO NEED IT MOST

In California, Medi-Cal and Healthy Families cover:

- 49% of infants, toddlers and preschoolers
- 52% of children with disabilities or special needs like diabetes and asthma
- 83% of children who live at or near poverty
- 100% of children in foster care

LONG-TERM BENEFITS FOR CALIFORNIA

Children with health insurance are more likely to succeed in school and in life. Children enrolled in Medi-Cal miss fewer school days, perform better in school, are more likely to graduate high school and go to college, earn higher wages and pay higher taxes as adults.

We must keep Medi-Cal and Healthy Families strong for California and our children. Changes or federal funding cuts that threaten coverage for children are a step in the wrong direction.

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