Pennsylvania Medical Assistance & CHIP: Covering Pennsylvania’s Children

In large part thanks to Pennsylvania Medical Assistance (Medicaid) and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), 96% of Pennsylvania 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

47% of Pennsylvania Medical Assistance and CHIP enrollees are children.

**COVERING CHILDREN WHO NEED IT MOST**

In Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Medical Assistance and CHIP cover:

- 41% of infants, toddlers and preschoolers
- 54% of children with disabilities or special needs like diabetes and asthma
- 79% of children who live at or near poverty
- 100% of children in foster care

**LONG-TERM BENEFITS FOR PENNSYLVANIA**

Children with health insurance are more likely to succeed in school and in life. Children enrolled in Pennsylvania Medical Assistance 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 Pennsylvania Medical Assistance and CHIP strong for Pennsylvania and our children. Changes or federal funding cuts that threaten coverage for children are a step in the wrong direction.

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Data sources are available at ccf.georgetown.edu/2018/06/19/medicaid-and-chip-snapshot-data-sources/.