Medicaid & CHIP: Covering the United States’ Children

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

51% of Medicaid and CHIP enrollees are children.

COVERING CHILDREN WHO NEED IT MOST

In the United States, Medicaid and CHIP cover:

- 45% of infants, toddlers and preschoolers
- 48% of children with disabilities or special needs like diabetes and asthma
- 80% of children who live at or near poverty
- 100% of children in foster care

LONG-TERM BENEFITS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Children with health insurance are more likely to succeed in school and in life. Children enrolled in Medicaid 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 Medicaid and CHIP strong for the United States 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/.