

# The Affordable Care Act, Medicaid and CHIP = A Winning Combination for Kids



## *Protect Our Care*

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide comprehensive health care coverage, including primary and preventive care services for children with disabilities, children living in low-income families, children living in and aging out of foster care and children whose parents either don't have insurance through work or other options cost too much.

Statewide, 42 percent of kids in Pennsylvania depend on Medicaid and CHIP for the health care they need to succeed, with more than 1 million children covered by Medicaid and more than 186,000 covered by CHIP.

During the 10 years since the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), we have seen significant gains in reducing the number of Americans without health insurance – Pennsylvania is no exception. In fact, we've seen more Pennsylvania children and parents access health insurance thanks to Medicaid expansion, the creation of the insurance marketplace and subsidies and many other provisions within the ACA.

Despite these victories, the future of the ACA is often at risk due to frequent legal challenges. Regardless of the court or the state of jurisdiction, overturning the ACA would harm Pennsylvania children and families.

Children cannot afford to lose crucial protections and coverage if the ACA is overturned. Children without health insurance or with gaps in coverage miss preventive check-ups, immunizations and screenings that track development or delays. We need to protect their health care, especially during these critical early years of development in order to ensure they reach their full potential.

### How the ACA has helped Pennsylvania kids and families

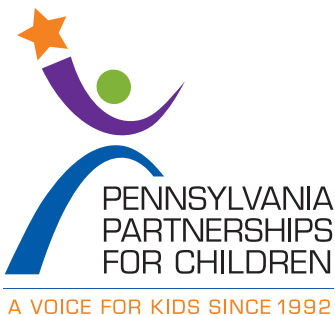
- ✓ Protects children with pre-existing medical conditions
- ✓ Prohibits annual or lifetime limits on children's care
- ✓ Allows young adults (until age 26) to remain on parents' health insurance plans
- ✓ Allows youth who "age out" of the foster care system at age 18 to remain on Medicaid until age 26
- ✓ Prevents families from being charged co-pays for preventive medical services, such as immunizations, hearing tests, and behavioral health assessments including autism or depression screenings
- ✓ Streamlined the process for Medicaid and CHIP eligibility determination and renewal, helping more children with coverage
- ✓ Created the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program that supports voluntary, evidence-based home visiting to strengthen families' health and well-being

**OVERTURNING THE ACA  
WOULD TURN BACK THE  
CLOCK ON KIDS' COVERAGE**



# Pennsylvania Children Enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP by Congressional District

Congressman	MA Enrollment <19 Years (Sep 2019)	CHIP Enrollment <19 Years (Sep 2019)	Total Child Enrollment (Sep 2019)	Estimated Percent of Child Population	Estimated Percent of Total Population
Fitzpatrick (R-1)	37,333	10,452	47,785	28%	7%
Boyle (D-2)	112,785	14,134	126,919	66%	18%
Evans (D-3)	84,866	8,922	93,788	63%	13%
Dean (D-4)	39,816	9,187	49,003	29%	7%
Scanlon (D-5)	64,412	11,281	75,693	43%	11%
Houlahan (D-6)	53,006	10,693	63,699	34%	9%
Wild (D-7)	63,918	12,363	76,281	45%	11%
Cartwright (D-8)	69,578	10,093	79,671	50%	11%
Meuser (R-9)	51,778	10,168	61,946	39%	9%
Perry (R-10)	64,612	11,667	76,279	45%	11%
Smucker (R-11)	51,193	13,393	64,586	35%	9%
Keller (R-12)	48,816	8,881	57,697	37%	8%
Joyce (R-13)	54,217	11,908	66,125	41%	9%
Reschenthaler (R-14)	50,820	9,539	60,359	40%	9%
Thompson (R-15)	50,057	8,654	58,711	38%	8%
Kelly (R-16)	59,881	8,659	68,540	41%	10%
Lamb (D-17)	39,521	8,278	47,799	30%	7%
Doyle (D-18)	54,951	8,293	63,244	44%	9%
<b>Sen. Bob Casey (D- statewide)</b> <b>Sen. Pat Toomey (R- statewide)</b>	<b>1,051,560</b>	<b>186,565</b>	<b>1,238,125</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>10%</b>



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Note: The totals above will not match the enrollment counts provided monthly by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services due to report timing differences. Monthly Medicaid child enrollment includes youth ages 19-20: an additional 89,758 youth ages 19-20 were also served in September 2019. CHIP data does not reflect the 31 youth who turned 19 in September 2019.