

Medicaid & CHIP Provide Quality Health Insurance for Half of Pennsylvania Kids

In every community across Pennsylvania, Medicaid and CHIP play a big role in keeping kids covered and healthy. Through these public health insurance options, nearly half of all children have access to check-ups, doctor-recommended screenings, vaccinations and much more.



47% of Pennsylvania children rely on Medicaid or CHIP to meet their health care needs

As policymakers, we urge you to commit to ensuring that Medicaid remains strong and can do its core job of providing critical health insurance to Pennsylvania families.

As families grapple with the rising costs of everyday expenses, it's more important than ever that they have access to high-quality, affordable health care for both physical and mental health.

Any cuts to Medicaid, *including block grants and per capita caps*, would jeopardize coverage for nearly 1.2 million Pennsylvania children, including children with special health care needs, children living in families with lower incomes, and children living in or aging out of foster care.

Just the Facts:

- ✓ Children in PA's rural areas and small towns rely on Medicaid just as much as children in urban areas.ⁱ
- ✓ Medicaid coverage in childhood is associated with better overall health and improves education outcomes, like graduating from high school.ⁱⁱ
- ✓ CHIP fills the gap for families who don't qualify for Medicaid yet can't afford private health insurance. No family earns too much for CHIP, and affordable monthly premiums are income-based.
- ✓ There is no open enrollment period. Medicaid and CHIP are open for enrollment 365 days of the year.

Federal cuts to Medicaid would shift the burden onto Pennsylvania's budget and lead to higher uninsured rates among our kids, seniors, pregnant women and people with disabilities.

Enroll in Medicaid:

Visit dhs.pa.gov/Compass or call the Customer Service Center at 1-877-385-8930 or 1-215-560-7226 (Philadelphia).

Enroll in CHIP:

Visit chipcoverspakids.com or call the CHIP Helpline at 1-800-986-KIDS (5437).

ⁱ Georgetown University Center for Children and Families. Share of Children Covered by Medicaid/CHIP in Metro Areas and Small Towns/Rural Areas by State, 2023. https://www.datawrapper.de/_/QHCze/

ⁱⁱ Research compiled by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 2018. <https://www.cbpp.org/research/medicaid-works-for-children>

Pennsylvania Children Enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP by State Senate District

Party Affiliation	District	Senator	MA Eligibility <19 Years (Sep 2024)	CHIP Eligibility <19 Years (Sep 2024)	Total Child Eligibility (Sep 2024)	Estimated Percent of Child Population	Estimated Percent of the Total Population
D	1	Saval	17,304	1,367	18,671	55%	7%
D	2	Tartaglione	56,885	4,770	61,655	84%	24%
D	3	Street	50,558	3,618	54,176	87%	21%
D	4	Haywood	26,811	3,444	30,255	52%	11%
R	5	Picozzi	36,820	4,794	41,614	70%	16%
R	6	Farry	15,775	3,924	19,699	35%	7%
D	7	Hughes	32,439	2,988	35,427	69%	13%
D	8	Williams, A.	40,693	4,400	45,093	77%	18%
D	9	Kane	20,466	3,001	23,467	39%	9%
D	10	Santarsiero	14,873	3,211	18,084	31%	7%
D	11	Schwank	33,323	5,421	38,744	60%	15%
D	12	Collett	13,761	3,169	16,930	29%	6%
R	13	Martin	22,356	4,599	26,955	40%	10%
D	14	Miller	32,254	5,456	37,710	61%	14%
D	15	Kim	30,521	4,215	34,736	59%	13%
R	16	Coleman	14,524	3,369	17,893	30%	7%
D	17	Cappelletti	15,587	2,435	18,022	30%	7%
D	18	Boscola	20,205	3,722	23,927	43%	9%
D	19	Comitta	13,674	2,583	16,257	27%	6%
R	20	Baker	25,924	3,834	29,758	55%	11%
R	21	Hutchinson	19,679	3,151	22,830	44%	9%
D	22	Flynn	30,293	3,646	33,939	66%	14%
R	23	Yaw	22,265	3,485	25,750	45%	10%
R	24	Pennycuick	15,957	3,137	19,094	32%	7%
R	25	Dush	17,418	2,568	19,986	40%	7%
D	26	Kearney	22,292	4,023	26,315	45%	10%

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R	27	Culver	20,907	3,233	24,140	44%	9%
R	28	Phillips-Hill	18,787	4,072	22,859	39%	9%
R	29	Argall	31,301	4,323	35,624	64%	13%
R	30	Ward, J.	22,719	3,519	26,238	49%	10%
R	31	Keefer	27,051	4,239	31,290	52%	12%
R	32	Stefano	23,561	3,667	27,228	54%	11%
R	33	Mastriano	20,290	4,754	25,044	42%	10%
R	34	Rothman	19,632	3,783	23,415	39%	9%
R	35	Langerholc	20,820	2,783	23,603	46%	9%
R	36	Aument	17,458	4,619	22,077	36%	8%
R	37	Robinson	10,788	2,275	13,063	23%	5%
D	38	Williams, L.	12,919	2,286	15,205	30%	6%
R	39	Ward, K.	17,110	3,243	20,353	40%	8%
R	40	Brown	22,363	3,641	26,004	48%	10%
R	41	Pittman	20,985	3,311	24,296	48%	10%
D	42	Fontana	20,890	2,419	23,309	51%	9%
D	43	Costa	19,861	2,153	22,014	53%	9%
D	44	Muth	12,751	2,569	15,320	24%	6%
D	45	Pisciottano	25,431	3,504	28,935	58%	12%
R	46	Bartolotta	20,227	3,035	23,262	46%	9%
R	47	Vogel	17,790	2,834	20,624	38%	8%
R	48	Gebhard	20,127	4,749	24,876	39%	9%
R	49	Laughlin	29,958	3,251	33,209	57%	13%
R	50	Brooks	24,628	3,103	27,731	49%	10%
Statewide			1,161,011	175,695	1,336,706	47%	10%

Note: The totals above will not match the counts provided monthly by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services due to report timing differences and the inability to assign legislative districts to 1,167 CHIP enrollees. Monthly Medicaid child enrollment includes youth ages 19-20: an additional 101,205 youth ages 19-20 were served in September 2024. CHIP data does not reflect the 3,197 youth who turned 19 in September 2024.



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