



Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign

YEAR-ROUND ENROLLMENT READY-MADE ARTICLE

Community newspapers, school newsletters, church bulletins, local community organizations, websites and blogs are frequently in need of content. The ready-made article below can be used to help spread the word about year-round enrollment and eligibility through these channels and more!

****Insert your state's income limit for a family of four at 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). To find the annual FPL figure, visit [ASPE Poverty Guidelines](#). To find the specific FPL guidelines for your state, click [here](#) or contact your state's Medicaid or CHIP program for information. Note: The income level figure will change from year to year based on the annual release of FPL guidelines.**

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Health coverage is available that fits the family budget: Enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP is year-round Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide free or low-cost health coverage for children and teens in families with low and moderate incomes. Parents and other adults may qualify for Medicaid as well. In many states, more adults are eligible now than ever before. And research shows that when parents have health coverage, it's more likely that their eligible children get the preventive services they need.

Parents can enroll their eligible children in Medicaid or CHIP at any time of the year and receive comprehensive health benefits that are beneficial to families in many ways. When families have health coverage, parents can be more productive at work, families will be more financially secure and children will have access to free or low-cost health services.

In most states, children up to age 19 may be eligible for either Medicaid or CHIP if their family annual income is up to \$50,000. In many states, family income can be even higher and children can still qualify. Medicaid and CHIP cover regular check-ups, immunizations, doctor and dentist visits, hospital care, mental health services, prescriptions and more.

Medicaid and CHIP programs may be called different names in different states, like "All Kids," or "Family Care." Visit [InsureKidsNow.gov](#) to find eligibility information for your state.

Medicaid and CHIP increase access to health care

A 2016 analysis conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) found that 27 percent of uninsured children had no usual access to care, compared to only 5 percent of those with public insurance and 3 percent of those with private insurance.¹

¹ The Uninsured: A Primer - Key Facts about Health Insurance and the Uninsured Under the Affordable Care Act, www.kff.org/report-section/the-uninsured-a-primer-key-facts-about-health-insurance-and-the-uninsured-under-the-affordable-care-act-how-does-lack-of-insurance-affect-access-to-health-care/

Enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP help ensure children's access to health care services. Over 46 million children were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP in 2017.² And government data showed that 85 percent of children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP had a preventive health visit and 98 percent had a usual source of health care, such as a primary care physician in 2015.³

Families can apply any time for Medicaid and CHIP coverage for children and parents. **To learn more, call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (543-7669) or visit [InsureKidsNow.gov](https://www.insurekidsnow.gov).**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provided this information.

² Unduplicated Number of Children Ever Enrolled in CHIP and Medicaid, www.medicaid.gov/chip/downloads/fy-2017-childrens-enrollment-report.pdf

³ KFF Analysis of National Health Interview Survey, 2015, <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/key-issues-in-childrens-health-coverage/>