



#FundCHIPColorado

Since 1998, the Children’s Health Insurance Program – or Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) in Colorado – has provided low-cost health insurance for children and pregnant women who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but too little to afford private health insurance. After bi-partisan authorization by Congress, the program was designed by Colorado state lawmakers to meet our state’s needs.

Funding for CHIP is slated to run out on Sept. 30, 2017. Without your action, nearly 90,000* Colorado kids and pregnant women would lose access to quality, affordable health care and Colorado faces the loss of a program that has genuinely made our state healthier. The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing estimates that coverage losses would begin in early 2018 if the federal funding for the program is terminated.

WHAT’S OUR ASK?

- Reauthorize funding through 2022
- Continue enhanced match payments

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Annual Fee + Co-pay per visit



Sliding scale based on total family income

WHO DOES THE PROGRAM SERVE?

90,000 kids and pregnant women in Colorado



8.9 MILLION kids nationally

WHY DOES IT MATTER TO COLORADO?

Colorado has worked to ensure that the provider network for the program is pediatric focused, which puts kids’ health first and provides lower cost-sharing options than in private plans. The program includes important benefits, including dental, that aren’t often found in other plans. This attention to a pediatric-focused benefits package is particularly important to kids with chronic issues who often require specialty care.

PROTECTING WORKING FAMILIES

Out-of-pocket maximums would jump from \$789 to \$4,500 annually for a family of three living on \$32,484



PROVIDING COVERAGE GAINS

CHIP + Medicaid = only 2.5% uninsured kids



Lowest uninsured rates among kids ever

ENSURING BUDGET CERTAINTY

- Colorado’s budget is set for 2017 – 2018
- Colorado stands to lose \$254 million annually
- CHIP funding supports kids and pregnant women in CHP+ as well as certain kids enrolled in Medicaid

*Number of children and pregnant women served by Colorado’s CHIP program in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.



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Colorado Kids Covered By CHP+ At Some Point During FY 2015 – 2016

