

North Carolina's Medicaid/SCHIP Program At a Glance

Program Element	Current Program	Proposed Expansion
Implementation Date	N/A	Originally set for July 1, 2008; scaled-back expansion postponed until July 1, 2009
Program Type	Separate Medicaid and SCHIP programs; SCHIP called Health Choice	Separate program, NC Kids' Care
Income Range and Population	<p><u>Medicaid</u>: infants to age 5, up to 200% FPL; children ages 6-18, up to 100% FPL</p> <p><u>SCHIP</u>: children ages 6-18, up to 200% FPL</p> <p>Does not provide health coverage to immigrants who are not eligible for coverage under Medicaid/SCHIP</p>	Children up to age 19 with family income from 201% to 250% FPL (enacted legislation would have covered children to 300% of the FPL, but due to funding limitations and the <u>CMS Directive</u> , the state scaled back to 250%)
Premiums/Cost-Sharing	<p><u>150% FPL or below</u>: Co-payments for prescription drugs only; \$1 for generic and \$3 for brand name</p> <p><u>151% FPL and above</u>: Annual premium: \$50 for one child or \$100 for two or more</p> <p>Co-payments: \$5 for non-preventive visit; \$20 for non-emergency ER visit; \$1 for generic and \$10 brand name prescription drugs</p>	Cost-sharing requirements will be determined on a sliding fee schedule; will include premiums, co-payments and deductibles; co-payments will not be required on preventive care; overall out-of-pocket expenses are not to exceed 5% of family income; the average per enrollee premium is expected to be \$65.50 per month
Medicaid/SCHIP Coordination	Administered by the Division of Medical Assistance; joint application for Medicaid and SCHIP	Same for expansion
Enrollment/Retention Procedures		
Application	Mail-in application; no face-to-face interview or asset test required	To be determined
Continuous Eligibility	12 months for Medicaid and SCHIP	To be determined
Renewal	Joint renewal form for Medicaid and SCHIP; no face-to-face interview or asset test required	To be determined

Crowd-Out Measures for Separate SCHIP	Must be uninsured at time of application, no waiting period	To be determined
Benefits		
Benefits	Among other things, both Medicaid and SCHIP cover hospitalization and outpatient care, and preventive, dental, vision and hearing benefits	Benefits will be similar to those offered in either SCHIP and Medicaid (to be determined); except a dental benefit will not be offered
Service Delivery System	Community Care of North Carolina (primary care case management program). Read more.	Program will use same system

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