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**CCF Reviews Contents of SCHIP Reauthorization Bill**  
***Legislation Places SCHIP on Solid Path***

WASHINGTON --- The compromise legislation on the reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program approved by Congress would set SCHIP on a solid path over the next 10 years, according to an analysis released today by the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families.

The legislation would allow states to continue their efforts to cover more children, particularly the lowest income children, according to the CCF analysis, *Summary of The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007*.

"Many states are now poised to make further progress, but their ability to do so will depend in large part on the strength of SCHIP reauthorization legislation. Without adequate and predictable SCHIP funding and new tools to encourage and support coverage efforts, the number of uninsured children is certain to continue to rise," the CCF analysis said.

The CCF analysis reviews the elements of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (CHIPRA), which was approved this week with wide bipartisan support by the House and Senate. The bill would provide health coverage to nearly 4 million uninsured children — reducing the number of uninsured children by a half. The vast majority (84 percent) of these children are from the lowest-income families that already are eligible for SCHIP or Medicaid.

"The SCHIP compromise bill has been misportrayed by the White House and other opponents of the legislation. Our report seeks to fill in the gaps in the streams of misinformation about the SCHIP bill," said Cindy Mann, CCF executive director.

The new report reviews all of the key provisions of the bill including: Financing, Reaching Eligible but Uninsured Children, Eligibility Rules for Children, Coverage of Adults, Premium Assistance, and Benefits.

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President Bush is threatening to veto the bill, despite the progress the compromise SCHIP bill makes in covering children and strengthening the program. “Millions of uninsured children in America are now counting on President Bush to do the right thing and not be the only obstacle standing between our children and the health care that they need,” according to Jocelyn Guyer, deputy executive director of CCF.

The president has proposed \$4.8 billion in new SCHIP funding over five years, a level that the Congressional Budget Office projects would result in no new coverage gains but rather in the loss of SCHIP coverage for more than 1 million children, according to the CCF analysis.

The Center for Children and Families’ analysis is available on the CCF Web site at <http://ccf.georgetown.edu/pdfs/0928ccfchippra.pdf>.

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