August 5, 1997: State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), authored by U.S. Senators Orrin Hatch and Ted Kennedy, passed by Congress and signed into federal law

March 1998: House Bill 137 – Children’s Health Insurance Program, sponsored by Representative Peter Knudson, approved by the 1998 Utah Legislature

March 23, 1998: CHIP signed into law by Governor Michael Leavitt

July 1998: CHIP approved to receive up to $24 million a year in new funding from the federal Department of Health and Human Services

July 1, 1998: CHIP officially opened for enrollment

August 25, 1998: First family approved for CHIP

July 1, 1999: First 10,000 children enrolled in CHIP

December 31, 2001: Due to limited funding, CHIP closed enrollment for the first time with approximately 26,000 children enrolled

January 1, 2002: Due to limited funding, CHIP reduced dental benefits to only include preventive and emergency services in order to continue covering as many children as possible

February 2002: Due to limited funding, CHIP began charging quarterly family premiums in order to continue covering as many children as possible

June 3 – 14, 2002: CHIP opened enrollment for twelve days; enrolled approximately 6,750 children

September 2002: CHIP restructured dental benefits to include fluoride, sealants and accidental dental coverage

November 12 – 22, 2002: CHIP opened enrollment for ten days; enrolled 8,278 children

July 1, 2003: CHIP completely restored dental benefits because of additional funding allocated by House Bill 72 in the 2003 legislative session

July 1, 2005 – September 1, 2006: First long term enrollment period since 1998-2001 period; enrolled approximately 29,796 children

February 1, 2006: Since 1998, CHIP has covered 100,000 Utah children

March 2007: 2007 Legislature appropriated $4 million additional state funds to provide health insurance to more children

July 2, 2007: CHIP opened enrollment; enrolled more than 10,000 new children by October 2007

August – September 2007: CHIP Van began tour of state, visiting all 29 Utah counties

March 2008: House Bill 326 – Children’s Health Insurance Program – Open Enrollment, sponsored by Representative Greg Curtis, approved by the Utah Legislature; CHIP now continuously open for enrollment

August 1, 2008: CHIP currently covering 34,588 children and 134,735 total children since July 1998