

Senate and House Bills to Extend the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) – 2015



Senate Bill (S. 522) – Protecting and Retaining Our Children’s Health Insurance Program Act of 2015 Sponsor: Sen. Brown Introduced Feb 2015		House Bill (H.R. 919) – CHIP Extension and Improvement Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Gene Green Introduced Feb 2015	
FINANCING			
Extends CHIP funding through 2019	YES		YES
Maintains ACA’s 23% increase in CHIP match Oct. 1, 2015 – Sept. 30, 2019	YES		YES
Extends Performance Bonuses/Incentives	<p style="text-align: center;">YES, with revised criteria</p> <p>States must meet 4 of 8 of the following (New in <i>italics</i>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 12 month continuous 2) Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) 3) Presumptive Eligibility 4) Premium assistance for employer-sponsored insurance (ESI) 5) <i>Elimination of waiting periods</i> 6) <i>Automated tracking of cost sharing or lower cap on cost sharing</i> 7) <i>Real-time eligibility determinations through the use of enhanced data sources</i> 8) <i>Elimination of premiums or lock-out periods</i> 		<p style="text-align: center;">YES, with revised criteria</p> <p>States must meet 5 of 7 of the following (New in <i>italics</i>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 12 month continuous 2) Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) 3) Presumptive Eligibility 4) Premium assistance for ESI 5) <i>Seamless coverage options</i> 6) <i>Retroactive coverage reinstatement upon premium payment</i> 7) <i>Effective transition to the community for vulnerable youth</i>
Ensures continued funding available for states that reach allotment cap	YES		YES

FINANCING (cont.)	Senate Bill (S. 522) – Protecting and Retaining Our Children’s Health Insurance Program Act of 2015	House Bill (H.R. 919) – CHIP Extension and Improvement Act of 2015
Extension of “Qualifying States” Option - 2105(g), allowing 11 states to draw CHIP match for pre-CHIP Medicaid expansions to children	YES	YES
ELIGIBILITY/ ENROLLMENT		
Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) option for kids	YES, through 2019	YES, permanently
Ensures Medicaid coverage for former foster care youth regardless of state of residence	NO	YES
Simplifies the eligibility process for former foster care youth	NO	YES
Improving Medicaid/CHIP transitions to marketplace plans (qualified health plans, or QHPs)	NO	YES
Extends CHIPRA Outreach Funding to 2019	YES	YES
Extends ELE option to adults	NO	YES

ENROLLMENT/ELIGIBILITY (cont.)	Senate Bill (S. 522) – Protecting and Retaining Our Children’s Health Insurance Program Act of 2015	House Bill (H.R. 919) – CHIP Extension and Improvement Act of 2015
Option to extend 12-month continuous eligibility to adults (currently an option only through a 1115 waiver)	NO	YES
AFFORDABILITY		
Increase state/plan responsibility for tracking 5% maximum out-of-pocket costs	NO, but includes auto-tracking of cost-sharing as a performance incentive program provision (see above)	YES
Strengthens and clarifies cost sharing prohibitions on preventive services	NO	YES
BENEFITS		
Increases vaccine access for children	NO	YES
Standard definition for Therapeutic Foster Care across Medicaid	NO	YES
QUALITY		
Extends Pediatric Quality Measures funding	YES	YES
Mandates full state reporting on quality measures	NO	YES

QUALITY (cont.)	Senate Bill (S. 522) – Protecting and Retaining Our Children’s Health Insurance Program Act of 2015	House Bill (H.R. 919) – CHIP Extension and Improvement Act of 2015
Extends funding for CHIPRA quality demonstration projects	YES	YES
Extends ACA Home Visiting Investment – Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) through 2019	NO	YES
Pediatric Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) demonstration	NO	YES
PROVIDER PAYMENT/ACCESS		
Extends ACA’s primary care reimbursement rate increase in Medicaid through 2019	NO	YES

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