## Democrat and Republican Proposals 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
AND

Republican Discussion Draft – Extending
Funding for the State Children's Health
Insurance Program
Sponsors: Sen. Hatch, Rep. Upton, and Rep.
Pitts
Released 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	Still seeking feedback from stakeholders on length of extension	
Maintains ACA's 23% increase in CHIP match Oct. 1, 2015 – Sept. 30, 2019	YES	NO	
Extends Performance Bonuses/Incentives	YES, with revised criteria	NO	
Extends CHIPRA contingency fund, which provides relief for states that face a CHIP funding shortfall due to proven success enrolling and retaining eligible children in Medicaid and CHIP	YES	NO	
Extension of "Qualifying States" Option - 2105(g), allowing 11 states to draw CHIP match for pre-CHIP Medicaid expansions to children	YES	YES	



FINANCING (cont.)	Senate and House Bills from Democrats	Republican Discussion Draft
Return federal matching rates for certain translation and interpretation services to the regular CHIP enhanced FMAP	NO	YES
ELIGIBILITY/ ENROLLMENT	Senate and House Bills from Democrats	Republican Discussion Draft
Eliminates maintenance-of- effort (MOE) requirement	NO	YES
Eliminate ACA "stairstep" provision requiring states to cover children ages 6-18 between 100-138% FPL in Medicaid	NO	YES
Reduces federal funding to regular Medicaid match for children between 250-300% FPL, and eliminates federal funding for children above 300% FPL	NO	YES
Allows states to impose waiting periods up to 12 months	NO	YES
Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) option for kids	YES (Senate bill through 2019, House bill permanently)	NO
Extends CHIPRA Outreach Funding to 2019	YES	NO

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QUALITY			
Extends Pediatric Quality Measures funding	YES	NO	
Extends funding for CHIPRA quality demonstration projects	YES	NO	
Other			
Ensure CHIP-equivalent coverage is considered "minimum essential coverage" under the ACA	NO	YES	
Changes name back to State Children's Health Insurance Program ("SCHIP") as opposed to "CHIP"	NO	YES	

Note: H.R. 919 contains additional provisions that were not listed in this table. You can find them in this comparison.

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