

Implementation Dates of Key CHIPRA Provisions¹

February 4, 2009 (CHIPRA signed into law)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> States can receive only the Medicaid (rather than the CHIP) matching rate for new expansions to children above 300% FPL. HHS no longer can grant CHIP waivers for coverage of parents. New rules for qualifying states go into effect. Some improvements to existing citizenship documentation requirements are in effect, including states must allow eligible individuals to receive benefits while proving citizenship. (New option is effective January 1, 2010; see below.)
February 2009	States expected to submit to HHS projected CHIP spending for fiscal year 2009, which will be a key factor in determining state allotments in future years.
March 31, 2009	HHS will finalize fiscal year 2009 CHIP allotments.
April 1, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The effective date of most provisions in the law, including new CHIP financing structure and enhanced matching rate for translation and interpreter services for families for whom English is not the primary language. States have option to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate the 5-year waiting period for lawfully resident immigrant children and pregnant women in Medicaid and CHIP. Cover pregnant women in CHIP without a waiver. Use Express Lane eligibility in Medicaid and CHIP. Provide supplemental dental coverage to privately-insured children. Employ new premium assistance options in Medicaid and CHIP.
August 4, 2009	HHS must issue new PERM regulations by this date.
August 31, 2009	States seeking an adjustment to their fiscal year 2010 allotment for an expansion must submit the request by this date.
October 1, 2009	New mandate to provide dental coverage in CHIP goes into effect.
January 1, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizenship documentation extended to CHIP; states can begin to use the new electronic option for verifying citizenship status. Existing childless adult waivers terminated; states may be able to receive some funding through Medicaid to continue coverage for already-enrolled adults. HHS must release core set of child health quality measures for Medicaid and CHIP.
January 1, 2011	HHS must establish Pediatric Quality Measures Program for children's coverage.
March 1, 2011	First set of recommendations to Congress by the Medicaid and CHIP Access Commission.
August 31, 2011	States seeking an adjustment to their fiscal year 2010 allotment for an expansion must submit the request by this date.
September 30, 2011	Existing parent waivers are terminated; states can receive some funding outside of CHIP to continue parent waivers.

[1] This chart is not meant to be exhaustive and only provides information on key implementation dates. In addition, dates for certain provisions, such as outreach funding, are not included because the law does not stipulate the dates and further federal guidance is needed.