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Statement on the HHS Secretary's Connecting Kids to Coverage Challenge and New Data on Eligible But Unenrolled Children

(Washington, D.C.) – Georgetown University Center for Children and Families Co-Director Jocelyn Guyer issued the following statement in response to the release of an Urban Institute report that provides state-level data on uninsured children eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and the Department of Health and Human Services Connecting Kids to Coverage Challenge:

“I commend Secretary Sebelius for her focus on creating more efficiency across government programs to reach uninsured children in these very difficult budget times. These strategies have emerged as a central component in states that are leading the country in reaching more than 90 percent of their eligible children.”

“The Urban Institute’s report found that across the country, regardless of demographics, there are states that are doing extremely well at getting children into coverage that can and should serve as models for other states.”

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