

# CHIP

## 10 Year Timeline

1998

**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 28 – August 1, 2003:** CHIP opened enrollment for five days; enrolled 8,921 children

**May 3 – 12, 2004:** CHIP opened enrollment for ten days; enrolled 9,026 children

**January 10 – 25, 2005:** CHIP opened enrollment for fifteen days; enrolled approximately 9,314 children

**March 2005:** 2005 Legislature appropriated an additional \$3.3 million in state funds to insure more children

**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

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