

MassHealth (Medicaid and CHIP): Covering Massachusetts' Children

In large part thanks to MassHealth (Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program), 99% of Massachusetts children have health coverage. Our most vulnerable families count on these programs to help their children grow into healthy, productive adults.

BUILT TO HELP CHILDREN

Medicaid and CHIP guarantee children the services they need to grow up healthy and thrive:



Check-ups



Dental care



Immunizations



Prescriptions



Health screenings



42% of MassHealth enrollees are children.

COVERING CHILDREN WHO NEED IT MOST

In Massachusetts, MassHealth covers:

39% of infants, toddlers and preschoolers

36% of children with disabilities or special needs like diabetes and asthma

86% of children who live at or near poverty

100% of children in foster care

LONG-TERM BENEFITS FOR MASSACHUSETTS

Children with health insurance are more likely to succeed in school and in life. Children enrolled in MassHealth miss fewer school days, perform better in school, are more likely to graduate high school and go to college, earn higher wages and pay higher taxes as adults.



We must keep MassHealth strong for Massachusetts and our children. Changes or federal funding cuts that threaten coverage for children are a step in the wrong direction.

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