

# Medicaid & CHIP: Covering the United States' Children

In large part thanks to Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), 96% of the United States' 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



**51%** of Medicaid and CHIP enrollees are children.

## COVERING CHILDREN WHO NEED IT MOST

In the United States, Medicaid and CHIP cover:

**45%** of infants, toddlers and preschoolers

**48%** of children with disabilities or special needs like diabetes and asthma

**80%** of children who live at or near poverty

**100%** of children in foster care

## LONG-TERM BENEFITS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Children with health insurance are more likely to succeed in school and in life. Children enrolled in Medicaid **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 Medicaid and CHIP strong for the United States and our children. Changes or federal funding cuts that threaten coverage for children are a step in the wrong direction.

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