## **Medicaid is Vital** to Alaska's Children

Medicaid is a public health insurance program designed to help people who otherwise could not afford health coverage.

Medicaid is a lifeline to children and families in Alaska and is built with children's unique needs in mind.





Medicaid pays for 36% of Alaska births

Helps ensure access to critical prenatal care, maternity care, and postpartum services.



**Medicaid covers** 36% of all Alaska children

Insures children in low-income families and nearly all children in foster care.



Medicaid covers 42% of children in Alaska with special health care needs

Provides medical, behavioral health, and long term care for children with special health care needs and disabilities.



Medicaid is the largest source of federal funding for mental health services

Supports mental and behavioral health treatment for children, adolescents, and adults.

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The federal government contributes \$1.10 to Medicaid for every \$1 Alaska invests.



29% of federal funding sent to Alaska is for Medicaid, which is about \$1.8 billion annually.

Medicaid is a smart long-term investment in children.



Miss fewer school davs

## Children enrolled in Medicaid:



Are more likely to graduate from high school



Grow up to be healthier adults



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