

Medicaid is Vital to Children in the District of Columbia

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 D.C. and is built with children's unique needs in mind.

33% of people enrolled in Medicaid in D.C. are children



Medicaid pays for 46% of D.C. births

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



Medicaid covers 63% of all D.C. children

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



Medicaid covers 53% of children in D.C. 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.

MEDICAID IS VITAL TO D.C.'S CHILDREN

Children enrolled in Medicaid:

Medicaid is a smart long-term investment in children.



Miss fewer school days



Are more likely to graduate from high school



Grow up to be healthier adults



Earn higher wages



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