

# Medicaid is Vital to Maryland'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 Maryland and is built with children's unique needs in mind.

37% of people enrolled in Medicaid in Maryland are children



Medicaid pays for 42% of Maryland births

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



Medicaid covers 39% of all Maryland children

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



Medicaid covers 35% of children in Maryland 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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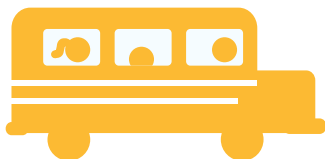
The federal government contributes \$1.00 to Medicaid for every \$1 Maryland invests.



42% of federal funding sent to Maryland is for Medicaid, which is about \$8.9 billion annually.

Medicaid is a smart long-term investment in children.

### Children enrolled in Medicaid:



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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