## Medicaid is Vital to North Carolina'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 North Carolina and is built with children's unique needs in mind. 44% of people enrolled in Medicaid in North Carolina are children





Medicaid pays for 37% of North Carolina births

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



Medicaid covers 41% of all North Carolina children

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



Medicaid covers 50% of children in North Carolina 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 \$1.83 to Medicaid for every \$1 North Carolina invests.



71% of federal funding sent to North Carolina is for Medicaid, which is about \$18.9 billion annually.

## 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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