

PROTECT MEDICAID AND CHILD HEALTH PLUS



Significant cuts to Medicaid



Congress has proposed significant cuts to Medicaid that pose serious risks to health coverage for children and families in New York.

- Block grants and spending caps proposed by Congress would shift costs from the federal government onto New York State and working families, straining our economy and harming low-income children and families.
- A fixed cap on available funds for Medicaid would put New York government and families at risk when need rises and costs go up. In the case of natural disasters or health epidemics, New York could not rely on help from the federal government to cover increased health costs.

Coverage for children will be in jeopardy



Federal funding for Child Health Plus (CHP) runs out in September of 2017 so Congress must move quickly to continue the program or coverage for children will be in jeopardy.

- CHP does not stand alone, but works because it stands on the shoulders of Medicaid.
- CHP funding must be extended to provide certainty and stability for families who depend on it.

WHY IS PROTECTING MEDICAID AND CHP IMPORTANT?

→ 2.5 million children rely on Medicaid & CHP for health coverage.

Good health and health care are critical to the success of children and families.

- When we meet children's health care needs, they do better in school and are more likely to graduate and excel in life.
- Parents miss fewer days at work and families are more financially stable when they have access to quality, affordable health care.

Medicaid and CHP help working families and children stay healthy and contribute to our economy and society.

- Together, Medicaid and CHP have been incredibly successful at providing high-quality, cost-effective health care for millions of children.

Thanks to these programs, the number of kids without health insurance is the lowest in history. Today, almost 98% of New York's children have health insurance.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

We need to stand together in support of children and families by protecting Medicaid and CHP.

- Continue to provide a pathway for children to get health coverage that helps them excel and keeps the whole family healthy and economically strong.
- Oppose radical changes to Medicaid financing that harm children's access to coverage.

