



MEDICAID AND CHILD HEALTH PLUS COVER KIDS IN RURAL NEW YORK

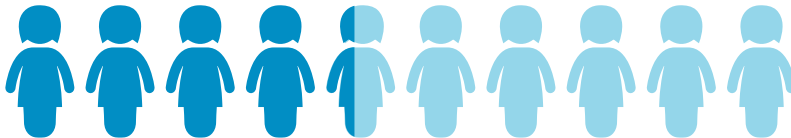
Medicaid has had a great impact in rural New York and for good reason. Rural households tend to face factors that make Medicaid eligibility likely and need greater. Why?

- Lower average incomes
- Overall lower rates of workforce participation
- Higher rates of disabilities

Children benefit from Medicaid

The share of children in **rural areas** of New York covered by Medicaid grew from 34% to **42%** from 2009 to 2015.

In some counties, the percent covered is even larger. 



In this same time, the rate of uninsured children dropped to **4%**.

Rural County	Percentage
St. Lawrence	44%
Franklin	47%
Clinton	45%
Hamilton	44%
Fulton	50%
Montgomery	52%
Greene	43%
Sullivan	49%
Chenango	43%
Steuben	43%
Chautauqua	43%

Medicaid benefits rural communities



Protects families from avoidable medical debt



Improves economic security by limiting out-of-pocket costs



Improves long-term health projections



Improves educational outcomes

Drastic cuts to Medicaid would have an adverse effect on children and families in rural area and show a disregard for the conditions faced by those living in rural areas

Fewer families would have **access** to health coverage, **reversing** the **positive impact** that Medicaid had on children in rural areas and small towns.

