New York Groups Urge Congress: Pass CHIP Reauthorization

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Dear New York State Congressional Delegation:

Congress must renew federal funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) now. New York will exhaust funding for our CHIP program, known as Child Health Plus, in early 2018. Even before the money runs out, we expect that the State will need to inform families that coverage will end. This does not have to happen: Congress is close to getting CHIP done. There is agreement on the policy and the program has the same bipartisan support today as it did when it was created.

The undersigned represent child and health advocates from across New York State and we are deeply concerned that the lack of action by our Members of Congress has placed Child Health Plus and the health of hundreds of thousands of children in jeopardy. We take great pride in New York’s historically high rate of children’s health coverage; nearly 98 percent of our children have health insurance, thanks in large part to Medicaid and CHIP.

New York, like all states, is in urgent need of continued, stable, long-term funding for CHIP. No family should face the loss of coverage for their children because our elected leaders failed to act. Yet, states have begun sending termination notices to families. Please, do not let New York be one of those states. Congress can and must extend CHIP, before any New York child loses health insurance coverage.

Sincerely,

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Brooklyn Perinatal Network, Inc.
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Catholic Family Center
Catholic Health System
Center for Community Alternatives, Inc.
Center for Children's Initiatives
Center for Elder Law & Justice
Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY
Center for Safety & Change, Inc.
Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State
Chances for Children-NY
Child and Family Services
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Citizens Committee for Children
CMP
Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
Coalition for the Homeless
Commission on the Public's Health System
Committee of Interns and Residents / SEIU
Community Access, Inc.
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Community Healthcare Network
Community Service Society
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Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies
Disabled in Action of Greater Syracuse, Inc.
Docs for Tots
Early Childhood Alliance Onondaga
Early Childhood Policy Associates
Eastman Dental
El Centro del Inmigrante
Families Together in New York State
Family and Children's Association
Family Resource Network, Inc.
Family Services of Westchester
Family Ties of Westchester, Inc.
Fiscal Policy Institute
FPWA
Good Shepherd Services
Graham Windham
Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition
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Health and Welfare Council of Long Island
Health Care for All New York
Health People
Healthplex, Inc.
healthy minds of niagara
Healthy Capital District Initiative
Hispanic Senior Action council
Hon. Toney L. Earl, Chairman of the Rockland County Legislature
Housing Works, Inc.
Hudson Center for Health Equity and Quality
Hunger Solutions NY
Immigrant Social Services, Inc.
Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc.
Independent Living of the Genesee Region
Independent Living, Inc.
Institute for Family Practice
Jewish Family Service of Buffalo & Erie County New York
Korean Community Services of MNY Public Health and Research Center
Lakeview Health Services, Inc.
Legal Action Center
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Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Make the Road New York
March of Dimes New York
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Medicaid Matters NY
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Mental Health America of Dutchess County
Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County
Mental Health Association in Essex County, Inc.
Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.
MercyFirst
Mothers & Babies Perinatal Network of SCNY, Inc.
NAMI Schenectady
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Rockland Co. Inc.
New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
New York Association on Independent Living
New York City Chapter of NANN (NYCANN)
New York State Council of Churches
New York Dental Hygienists' Association (DHASNY)
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
New York Self-Determination Coalition
New York State Academic Dental Centers
New York State Association for Infant Mental Health
New York State Citizen Review Panels for Child Protective Services
New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault
New York State Perinatal Association
North Country Access to Health Care Committee
North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council, Inc.
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living
Northern Rivers Family of Services
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NY Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation
NYS Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
NYU College of Dentistry
Onondaga County CA$H Coalition
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Oral Health Nursing Education and Practice (OHNEP) Program
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The Resource Center for Independent Living
United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg and North Brooklyn
United Way of Greater Rochester, Inc.
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Westchester Children's Association
Westchester Disabled On the Move Inc.
WNY Women's Foundation
Women's City Club of New York
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