

The Future of the Children's Health Insurance Program



Health Care For All New York: Building Quality, Affordable Health Care for ALL New Yorkers

The Current Debate

Unless Congress takes action to renew CHIP funding, 630,000 New York children and millions of children across the nation could lose access to quality, affordable health care. Congress must act now to establish a permanent source of funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program. Federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) expires on September 30, 2017. New York State will exhaust its federal funding for Child Health Plus in March 2018 without Congressional action.

CHIP and New York

The strength of the CHP program along with Medicaid has allowed New York to achieve a historic high of 98 percent coverage for kids. New York's first in the nation Child Health Insurance Plan, now known as Child Health Plus (CHP), was established in 1990—seven years before the federal CHIP program. New York operates a “combination” CHIP program, which includes a Medicaid expansion for children as well as the separate CHP program with about 300,000 children enrolled in each. New York is also one of the only states to cover all children regardless of immigration status using state-only funds. Twenty years later, New York has universal health coverage for children.

Why Child Health Plus is Important for New York's Kids

- CHP benefits are child-appropriate. It's designed just for kids!
- CHP is affordable for New York families
- CHP provides access to a robust network of children's health care providers



How Child Health Plus Helped One New York Family

Professional actors, Adam Green and his wife, Miriam, are eligible for excellent, affordable health insurance through the Actor's Union. However, the cost for dependent coverage is much higher. So when their daughter, Stella, was born a couple of years ago, they enrolled her in the Marketplace's Child Health Plus insurance plan without hesitation. “The plan was great and comprehensive,” recalled Adam, “and we were able to see the pediatrician we wanted to see.”



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