

Putting Children's Health at Risk in Maryland

142,327 -- that's the number of children in Maryland who were covered by the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2015¹. Their access to care is now threatened because the required federal funds to support the program have not been authorized by Congress. Without action Maryland will run out of needed funds in April 2018.

It is more complicated than that, though. Because of the way the program is set up, Maryland must continue to fund the program through 2019 even without the federal dollars. This means that Maryland will face difficult budget choices to remain solvent with Medicaid and other vital programs subject to drastic cuts.

Congress must act by September 30, 2017. Our state's economy and the health and well-being of Maryland children (under age 18) are at risk as seen in the charts below.

Coverage in Maryland by School District

% of Children Covered by Medicaid/CHIP, Alone or in Combination, 2011-2015	
School District	Percentage Covered
Allegany County Public Schools	50.4
Anne Arundel County Public Schools	21.9
Baltimore City Public Schools	60.4
Baltimore County Public Schools	30.1
Calvert County Public Schools	19.7
Caroline County Public Schools	52.1
Carroll County Public Schools	17.6
Cecil County Public Schools	31.2
Charles County Public Schools	22.8
Dorchester County Public Schools	59.4
Frederick County Public Schools	21.7
Garrett County Public Schools	44.2
Harford County Public Schools	23.3
Howard County Public Schools	14.6

¹ Source: Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission www.macpac.gov

Kent County Public Schools	53.6
Montgomery County Public Schools	25.5
Prince George's County Public Schools	39.7
Queen Anne's County Public Schools	23.8
Somerset County Public Schools	63.4
St. Mary's County Public Schools	21
Talbot County Public Schools	38.7
Washington County Public Schools	42
Wicomico County Public Schools	46.2
Worcester County Public Schools	45.8

Source: Five-year estimates of summary data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). The U.S. Census Bureau publishes ACS summary data on American Fact Finder.

Coverage in Maryland by Race and Ethnicity

	Race/Ethnicity of Maryland Children	Race/Ethnicity of Maryland Children Covered by Medicaid/CHIP
African American	31%	43%
Asian	6%	4%
Hispanic	14%	23%
White	44%	24%
Other	5%	6%

Source: Georgetown University Center for Children and Families analysis of "Child Population by Race" National Kids Count: A Project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and analysis of SHADAC analysis of the American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample, State Health Compare, SHADAC, University of Minnesota.

Coverage in Maryland by Congressional District

Congressional District	% Children on Medicaid/CHIP	% Children Uninsured
1 -- Rep. Harris	30%	2%
2 -- Rep. Ruppertsberger	37%	3%
3 -- Rep. Sarbanes	27%	4%
4 -- Rep. Brown	38%	4%
5 -- Rep. Hoyer	24%	3%
6 -- Rep. Delaney	29%	4%
7 -- Rep. Cummings	35%	4%
8 -- Rep. Raskin	21%	5%

Source: Georgetown University Center for Children and Families analysis of the single-year estimates of summary data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS). The U.S. Census Bureau publishes ACS summary data on American Fact Finder. Percent estimates were computed.

Additional resources can be found at <http://www.consumerhealthfirst.org>.