



What California and its children and families have at stake in SCHIP* reauthorization

- With help from the SCHIP program, California has made great progress toward the goal of covering all children - the rate of uninsured low-income children in the state dropped from 28 percent in 1997 to 20 percent in 2005.¹
- But there are still **800,000 children in California who are uninsured**, many of whom are already eligible for SCHIP and Medicaid.
- SCHIP provides 800,000 California children with affordable health coverage through the *California Healthy Families* program.²
- California faces a **\$200 million shortfall** in federal SCHIP funding beginning in 2008 - that shortfall is **projected to reach \$781 million annually by 2012.**³
- As many as **322,000 California children are at-risk of losing their coverage** by 2012 if Congress does not add new funding to the SCHIP program.⁴
- One third of all California children under the age of 18 depend on Medicaid and SCHIP for their health insurance coverage.⁵
- Less than one-third of California children in families with income below 300 percent of poverty are covered by their parents' employers.⁶
- Adequate funding for Medicaid and SCHIP is essential to California's health care infrastructure. For example, 45 percent of all births in the state are financed by Medicaid and SCHIP.⁷
- Filling the SCHIP shortfall and increasing federal funding to help states expand coverage is essential to California being able to cover all children.

* State Children's Health Insurance Program

¹ Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' analysis of publicly available data from the Census Bureau

² Kaiser Family Foundation, Medicaid and SCHIP enrollment reports (September 2005)

³ Center on Budget Policy and Priorities based on data from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

⁴ PICO National Network based on Center on Budget Policy and Priorities SCHIP Financing model

⁵ Kaiser Family Foundation, Medicaid and SCHIP enrollment reports (September 2005)

⁶ U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement, 2006

⁷ Kaiser Family Foundation, www.statehealthfacts.org