



## What Massachusetts and its children and families have at stake in SCHIP\* reauthorization

- Massachusetts has been making progress toward the goal of covering all children since SCHIP was created – 91 percent of low-income children now have health insurance.<sup>1</sup>
- But there are still **88,000 children in Massachusetts who are uninsured**, many of whom are eligible for Medicaid or SCHIP coverage.<sup>2</sup>
- SCHIP provides 57,000 Massachusetts children with affordable health coverage through the *Massachusetts Children's Medical Security Plan.*<sup>3</sup>
- Massachusetts faces a **\$129 million shortfall** in federal SCHIP funding beginning in 2007 - that shortfall is **projected to reach \$248 million annually by 2012.**<sup>4</sup>
- As many as **43,000 Massachusetts children are at-risk of losing their coverage** by 2012 if Congress does not add new funding to the SCHIP program.<sup>5</sup>
- 28 percent of Massachusetts children under the age of 18 depend on Medicaid and SCHIP for their health insurance coverage.<sup>6</sup>
- The majority of low-income parents in Massachusetts cannot obtain family health coverage at work – just 47 percent of Massachusetts children in families with income below 300 percent of poverty are covered by their parents' employers.<sup>7</sup>
- Adequate funding for Medicaid and SCHIP is essential to Massachusetts's health care infrastructure. For example, 28 percent of all births in the state are financed by Medicaid and SCHIP.<sup>8</sup>
- Filling the SCHIP shortfall and increasing federal funding to help states enroll eligible children and expand coverage is essential to Massachusetts covering all children.

\* State Children's Health Insurance Program

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

<sup>2</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, [www.statehealthfacts.org](http://www.statehealthfacts.org)

<sup>3</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Medicaid and SCHIP enrollment reports (September 2005)

<sup>4</sup> Center on Budget Policy and Priorities based on data from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

<sup>5</sup> PICO National Network based on Center on Budget Policy and Priorities SCHIP Financing model

<sup>6</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Medicaid and SCHIP enrollment reports (September 2005)

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement, 2006

<sup>8</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, [www.statehealthfacts.org](http://www.statehealthfacts.org)