



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

- Since it was created in 1997 SCHIP has helped Missouri provide health coverage to more low-income children – by 2005 84 percent of low-income children in the state had health insurance.¹
- But there are still **120,000 Missouri children who are uninsured**, including many who are already eligible for SCHIP and Medicaid.²
- SCHIP provides 95,000 Missouri children with affordable health coverage through the MC+ for Kids program.³
- Missouri faces a **\$28 million shortfall** in federal SCHIP funding beginning in 2007 - that shortfall is **projected to reach \$83 million annually by 2012.**⁴
- As many as **40,000 Missouri children are at-risk of losing their coverage** by 2012 if Congress does not add new funding to the SCHIP program.⁵
- 35 percent of Missouri children under the age of 18 depend on Medicaid and SCHIP for their health insurance coverage.⁶
- The majority of low-income parents in Missouri cannot obtain family health coverage at work – just 42 percent of Missouri children in families with income below 300 percent of poverty are covered by their parents' employers.⁷
- Adequate funding for Medicaid and SCHIP is essential to Missouri's health care infrastructure. For example, 45 percent of all births in the state are financed by Medicaid and SCHIP.⁸
- Filling the SCHIP shortfall and increasing federal funding to help states enroll eligible children and expand coverage is essential to Missouri covering 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, www.statehealthfacts.org

³ Kaiser Family Foundation, Medicaid and SCHIP enrollment reports (September 2005)

⁴ Center on Budget Policy and Priorities based on data from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

⁵ PICO National Network based on Center on Budget Policy and Priorities SCHIP Financing model

⁶ Kaiser Family Foundation, Medicaid and SCHIP enrollment reports (September 2005)

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

⁸ Kaiser Family Foundation, www.statehealthfacts.org