



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

- New Jersey has been making progress toward covering all children since SCHIP was created – 80 percent of low-income children now have health insurance.¹
- But there are still **250,000 children in New Jersey who are uninsured**, many of whom are already eligible for Medicaid or SCHIP coverage.²
- SCHIP provides 103,000 New Jersey children with affordable health coverage through the *New Jersey Family Care* program.³
- New Jersey faces a **\$155 million shortfall** in federal SCHIP funding beginning in 2007 - that shortfall is **projected to reach \$287 million annually by 2012.**⁴
- As many as **49,000 New Jersey children are at-risk of losing their coverage** by 2012 if Congress does not add new funding to the SCHIP program.⁵
- 22 percent of New Jersey children under the age of 18 depend on Medicaid and SCHIP for their health insurance coverage.⁶
- The majority of low-income parents in New Jersey cannot obtain family health coverage at work – just 49 percent of New Jersey 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 New Jersey's health care infrastructure. For example, 26 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 New Jersey 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