



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

- Vermont has one of the lowest rates of uninsured children in the United States. In 2004-05 just 6.6 percent of low-income children were uninsured.¹
- But there are still 8,000 children in Vermont who are uninsured, many of whom are already eligible for Medicaid or SCHIP coverage.²
- SCHIP provides 3,500 Vermont children with affordable health coverage through the Vermont's *Dr. Dynasaur* program.³
- 40 percent of Vermont children under the age of 18 depend on Medicaid and SCHIP for their health insurance coverage.⁴
- Keeping SCHIP and Medicaid strong is critical to Vermont sustaining the progress it has made in health coverage for the uninsured.

* 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)

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