

Healthy Kids Are Better Students

Children with health insurance are more likely to complete high school and graduate college compared with their peers who don't have access to care.¹ Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide children with the care they need so they're better prepared to learn and less likely to miss school because of illness.

Did you know?

Your child may qualify for free or low-cost health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP.

Who is eligible?

Children up to age 19 in a family of four earning up to \$50,000 a year or more may qualify. Eligibility requirements vary by state and are based on household size and income.

WHAT HEALTH BENEFITS DO MEDICAID AND CHIP COVER?

- ✓ Check-ups and regular doctor visits
- ✓ Dentist visits
- ✓ Mental health services
- ✓ Eye exams
- ✓ Emergency doctor and hospital visits
- ✓ Vaccinations (including seasonal flu vaccine)
- ✓ Prescriptions
- ✓ And more!



WHY IS HEALTH COVERAGE CRITICAL FOR STUDENTS?

Vision Issues Affect Learning

- About 10% of preschoolers and 25% of kids in grades K-6 have vision deficiencies.
- Many kids are also misdiagnosed with learning disabilities when they actually have undetected vision problems.²



Good Oral Health Keeps Kids in School

Millions of school hours are lost each year due to dental-related illness that could have been avoided with preventive care.³

WHO USES MEDICAID AND CHIP?

More than **36.6** million children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.⁴

Nearly **87%** of all eligible uninsured children are school-aged.

Percentage of students (ages 6-18) that receive health coverage through Medicaid and CHIP⁵:



Almost **2 out of 5** school-age children received their health coverage through Medicaid and CHIP in 2016.⁶

Go to [InsureKidsNow.gov](https://www.insurekidsnow.gov) or call **1-877-KIDS-NOW (543-7669)** to learn more about affordable health coverage for your family.

¹https://www.researchgate.net/publication/308200639_The_Effect_of_Child_Health_Insurance_Access_on_Schooling_Evidence_from_Public_Insurance_Expansions
²<https://www.aoa.org/patients-and-public/good-vision-throughout-life/childrens-vision/school-aged-vision-6-to-18-years-of-age>
³<https://www.childrenshealthfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Health-Barriers-to-Learning.pdf>
⁴<https://www.medicaid.gov>, Data as of July 2020
⁵<https://ccf.georgetown.edu/2018/07/18/medicaid-and-chip-provide-health-coverage-for-many-school-age-children-yet-gaps-remain/>
⁶<https://ccf.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/ACS-school-age-kids-FINAL.pdf>



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