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Overview

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

On February 4, 2009, President Obama signed the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA), which renews and expands coverage of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) from 7 million children to 11 million children. CHIP was previously known as the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

Originally created in 1997, CHIP is Title XXI of the Social Security Act and is a state and federal partnership that targets uninsured children and pregnant women in families with incomes too high to qualify for most state Medicaid programs, but often too low to afford private coverage. Within Federal guidelines, each State determines the design of its individual CHIP program, including eligibility parameters, benefit packages, payment levels for coverage, and administrative procedures.

In addition to renewing the CHIP program, the new legislation makes it easier for certain groups to access CHIP health care, including uninsured children from families with higher incomes and uninsured low-income pregnant women.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) enrollment data based on state reports show that 7.4 million children were enrolled in CHIP at some point during Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2008, compared to 7.1 million for fiscal 2007. During FFY 2008, there were 334,616 adults covered with CHIP funds.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Directors. Each State, Territory, and the District of Columbia has a coordinator for the SCHIP program who is responsible for the administration of the approved SCHIP state plan. Below is a download of an Adobe Acrobat (PDF) formatted document ("**CHIP State Directors**") which lists all current CHIP coordinators.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Waivers and Demonstrations. The Social Security Act authorizes multiple waiver and demonstration authorities to allow states flexibility in operating Medicaid programs and CHIP programs. Each authority has a distinct purpose, and distinct requirements. For additional information, click on the Medicaid and CHIP Quality Practices link below.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT (CHIPRA) OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT GRANTS – CYCLE I – On July 6, 2009 HHS Secretary Sebelius announced the availability new resources for organizations that work to ensure children have the health insurance coverage they need. The full grant announcement can be found in the Downloads section below.

Question and Answer documents that respond to questions submitted to CMS that have been raised about the solicitation for the CHIPRA Outreach Grants can be found at the Related Link Inside CMS below.

Downloads

[CHIP State Directors \[PDF, 92 KB\]](#)

[2009 Cycle I Outreach Grant Announcement \[PDF, 320 KB\]](#)

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