Medicaid and CHIP Keep Pennsylvania Kids Covered During the Storm of the Pandemic



The COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the critical importance of quality health care coverage for kids in Pennsylvania. Thankfully, during this unprecedented time, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide an umbrella of coverage for kids and families to help them weather the storm. This public health coverage is especially critical for parents who lost their jobs and employer-sponsored health insurance.

Our Commonwealth's kids rely on Medicaid and CHIP for their comprehensive health insurance, including more than 1.2 million children enrolled in Medicaid and more than 151,000 children enrolled in CHIP. That's nearly half (47%) of all Pennsylvania children, spanning every county of the state!

Since the onset of the pandemic, each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties has seen an increase in enrollment — the Commonwealth saw a statewide average enrollment growth of 11% between Medicaid and CHIP data.

Since the pandemic started, Medicaid enrollment alone has increased by over 192,000 children, or 16%.

This growth underscores the need in every corner of the state, spanning geographies and demographics, and the importance of these programs during the public health crisis.

A key factor behind the rise in these numbers is the disenrollment freeze implemented by Congress in March of 2020. This freeze will remain in place for as long as the federal public health emergency (PHE) remains in effect. While there has yet to be a definitive date determined for when the PHE will expire, the Biden Administration has signaled it will provide a 60-day notice.

Once the PHE ends, we must ensure every eligible child is not dropped from coverage. There are steps that the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) can take to provide a smoother path for the estimated 500,000 individuals who will be at risk of termination when the PHE ends:



Use the full 12 months permitted to complete renewals for enrollees at their next annual renewal due date;



Ensure addresses are current for sending renewal requests; and



Enhance the automated renewal process, where the state reviews electronic data sources to renew coverage automatically.

While we continue to navigate the uncertainty of the pandemic, one constant through the crisis is the umbrella of health care coverage families can rely on for their kids from Medicaid and CHIP. With the end of the pandemic will come the end of the public health emergency, and it will be crucial to take the appropriate steps to ensure hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians stay covered.

Pennsylvania Children Enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP by State House District

Representative	MA Enrollment <19 Years (Sep 2021)	CHIP Enrollment <19 Years (Sep 2021)	Total Child Enrollment (Sep 2021)	Estimated Percent of Child Population	Estimated Percent of Total Population
Harkins (D-1)	12,466	545	13,011	77%	22%
Merski (D-2)	7,740	495	8,235	59%	13%
Bizzarro (D-3)	4,412	619	5,031	35%	8%
Sonney (R-4)	5,690	668	6,358	42%	10%
Jozwiak (R-5)	3,972	803	4,775	32%	8%
Roae (R-6)	5,263	590	5,853	39%	9%
Longietti (D-7)	7,546	477	8,023	54%	13%
Bonner (R-8)	3,865	603	4,468	32%	7%
Sainato (D-9)	6,912	604	7,516	55%	12%
Bernstine (R-10)	5,833	707	6,540	48%	10%
Mustello (R-11)	5,090	681	5,771	42%	9%
Metcalfe (R-12)	2,834	547	3,381	20%	6%
Lawrence (R-13)	4,980	1,149	6,129	32%	10%
Marshall (R-14)	3,915	682	4,597	36%	8%
Kail (R-15)	3,535	583	4,118	30%	7%
Matzie (D-16)	6,410	773	7,183	53%	12%
Wentling (R-17)	5,089	565	5,654	39%	9%
Tomlinson (R-18)	5,859	1,060	6,919	53%	11%
VACANT (District 19)	9,112	282	9,394	77%	16%
Kinkead (D-20)	5,015	519	5,534	47%	9%
Innamorato (D-21)	3,192	494	3,686	35%	6%
Schweyer (D-22)	15,756	1,356	17,112	92%	28%
Frankel (D-23)	1,201	236	1,437	17%	2%
VACANT (District 24)	7,326	410	7,736	59%	13%
Markosek (D-25)	5,795	785	6,580	50%	11%
Hennessey (R-26)	5,344	791	6,135	35%	9%

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Deasy (D-27)	6,963	535	7,498	61%	12%
Mercuri (R-28)	1,925	424	2,349	14%	4%
Schroeder (R-29)	3,188	774	3,962	25%	6%
Mizgorski (R-30)	2,232	532	2,764	18%	4%
Warren (D-31)	2,243	454	2,697	17%	4%
DeLuca (D-32)	5,754	780	6,534	47%	10%
DelRosso (R-33)	6,274	678	6,952	54%	11%
Lee (D-34)	6,512	582	7,094	57%	12%
A. Davis (D-35)	9,202	534	9,736	71%	16%
Benham (D-36)	5,892	669	6,561	59%	11%
Fee (R-37)	4,242	1,047	5,289	33%	9%
Pisciottano (D-38)	5,602	846	6,448	49%	10%
Puskaric (R-39)	3,355	616	3,971	30%	7%
Mihalek (R-40)	2,601	536	3,137	19%	5%
B. Miller (R-41)	5,125	1,070	6,195	43%	10%
D. Miller (D-42)	2,889	530	3,419	26%	6%
Greiner (R-43)	5,168	1,132	6,300	39%	10%
Gaydos (R-44)	3,061	540	3,601	24%	6%
Kulik (D-45)	4,719	579	5,298	43%	9%
Ortitay (R-46)	4,447	738	5,185	37%	8%
Gillespie (R-47)	5,834	967	6,801	43%	11%
O'Neal (R-48)	5,709	689	6,398	51%	10%
Cook (R-49)	5,858	657	6,515	55%	11%
Snyder (D-50)	6,388	554	6,942	53%	11%
Dowling (R-51)	7,036	852	7,888	56%	13%
Warner (R-52)	6,429	689	7,118	52%	11%

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Malagari (D-53)	5,148	1,086	6,234	43%	10%
Brooks (R-54)	3,154	632	3,786	29%	6%
Silvis (R-55)	5,542	707	6,249	46%	10%
Dunbar (R-56)	3,336	713	4,049	29%	7%
E. Nelson (R-57)	4,605	637	5,242	43%	8%
Davanzo (R-58)	6,020	732	6,752	50%	11%
Rossi (R-59)	4,044	611	4,655	35%	7%
Major (R-60)	4,822	672	5,494	41%	9%
Hanbidge (D-61)	2,434	497	2,931	21%	5%
Struzzi (R-62)	4,712	565	5,277	42%	8%
Oberlander (R-63)	4,798	709	5,507	43%	9%
James (R-64)	5,935	768	6,703	48%	11%
Rapp (R-65)	5,753	491	6,244	42%	10%
Smith (R-66)	6,084	777	6,861	44%	11%
Causer (R-67)	6,447	594	7,041	48%	11%
Owlett (R-68)	6,054	655	6,709	49%	11%
Metzgar (R-69)	5,267	710	5,977	45%	9%
Bradford (D-70)	9,335	893	10,228	65%	16%
Rigby (R-71)	7,436	515	7,951	58%	12%
Burns (D-72)	4,407	608	5,015	38%	8%
Sankey (R-73)	6,216	683	6,899	50%	11%
D. Williams (D-74)	7,903	1,043	8,946	54%	14%
Armanini (R-75)	5,729	636	6,365	45%	10%
Borowicz (R-76)	4,654	588	5,242	37%	8%
Conklin (D-77)	1,307	186	1,493	20%	2%
Topper (R-78)	5,404	1,009	6,413	42%	10%

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Schmitt (R-79)	7,508	763	8,271	57%	13%
Gregory (R-80)	5,493	873	6,366	44%	10%
Irvin (R-81)	4,882	699	5,581	38%	9%
Hershey (R-82)	5,886	820	6,706	42%	10%
Wheeland (R-83)	7,185	641	7,826	58%	13%
Hamm (R-84)	4,649	635	5,284	38%	8%
Rowe (R-85)	4,517	787	5,304	36%	8%
Stambaugh (R-86)	5,442	964	6,406	41%	10%
Rothman (R-87)	4,391	829	5,220	35%	8%
Delozier (R-88)	4,641	764	5,405	45%	9%
Kauffman (R-89)	6,943	1,215	8,158	53%	13%
Schemel (R-90)	5,690	1,117	6,807	41%	11%
Moul (R-91)	4,367	1,016	5,383	37%	8%
Keefer (R-92)	4,406	810	5,216	34%	8%
Jones (R-93)	4,325	799	5,124	34%	8%
Saylor (R-94)	5,407	941	6,348	41%	10%
Hill-Evans (D-95)	14,256	925	15,181	84%	24%
Sturla (D-96)	10,903	1,052	11,955	69%	19%
Mentzer (R-97)	4,026	1,102	5,128	33%	8%
Hickernell (R-98)	5,838	1,037	6,875	45%	11%
Zimmerman (R-99)	4,659	1,145	5,804	32%	9%
Cutler (R-100)	4,595	888	5,483	30%	9%
Ryan (R-101)	8,721	1,081	9,802	62%	15%
Diamond (R-102)	5,056	977	6,033	39%	9%
Kim (D-103)	15,472	605	16,077	91%	25%
Helm (R-104)	6,513	921	7,434	53%	12%

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Lewis (R-105)	5,900	976	6,876	49%	11%
Mehaffie (R-106)	5,960	683	6,643	41%	10%
Masser (R-107)	5,971	510	6,481	47%	10%
Schlegel-Culver (R-108)	5,806	704	6,510	45%	10%
Millard (R-109)	5,002	618	5,620	42%	9%
Pickett (R-110)	5,723	593	6,316	44%	10%
Fritz (R-111)	5,205	660	5,865	44%	9%
Mullins (D-112)	6,660	649	7,309	56%	11%
Welby (D-113)	9,229	564	9,793	65%	15%
Kosierowski (D-114)	6,161	662	6,823	49%	11%
Madden (D-115)	7,680	890	8,570	53%	14%
VACANT (District 116)	9,843	903	10,746	73%	17%
Boback (R-117)	4,441	573	5,014	37%	8%
Carroll (D-118)	4,909	562	5,471	43%	9%
Mullery (D-119)	8,613	708	9,321	68%	15%
Kaufer (R-120)	6,037	656	6,693	53%	11%
Pashinski (D-121)	11,574	659	12,233	89%	20%
Heffley (R-122)	5,947	723	6,670	49%	11%
Twardzik (R-123)	7,637	619	8,256	67%	13%
Knowles (R-124)	5,386	708	6,094	47%	10%
Kerwin (R-125)	4,621	712	5,333	37%	9%
Rozzi (D-126)	11,032	1,372	12,404	72%	19%
Guzman (D-127)	17,784	1,258	19,042	90%	30%
Gillen (R-128)	4,160	962	5,122	34%	8%
Cox (R-129)	4,429	1,051	5,480	35%	9%
Maloney (R-130)	3,875	882	4,757	30%	8%

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M. Mackenzie (R-131)	3,937	822	4,759	31%	7%
Schlossberg (D-132)	10,456	1,167	11,623	75%	19%
McNeill (D-133)	6,981	1,138	8,119	62%	13%
R. Mackenzie (R-134)	3,502	766	4,268	28%	7%
Samuelson (D-135)	7,661	787	8,448	57%	13%
Freeman (D-136)	7,270	1,007	8,277	54%	13%
Emrick (R-137)	3,997	785	4,782	31%	8%
Flood (R-138)	3,787	726	4,513	29%	7%
Peifer (R-139)	5,038	767	5,805	41%	9%
Galloway (D-140)	5,863	1,122	6,985	48%	11%
T. Davis (D-141)	6,735	1,168	7,903	52%	13%
Farry (R-142)	3,322	904	4,226	30%	7%
Labs (R-143)	2,402	515	2,917	19%	5%
Polinchock (R-144)	3,219	669	3,888	23%	6%
Staats (R-145)	4,066	948	5,014	32%	8%
Ciresi (D-146)	5,308	778	6,086	37%	10%
Pennycuick (R-147)	3,843	749	4,592	27%	7%
Daley (D-148)	2,613	521	3,134	21%	5%
Briggs (D-149)	3,336	520	3,856	29%	6%
Webster (D-150)	2,820	490	3,310	21%	5%
Stephens (R-151)	2,385	561	2,946	19%	5%
Guenst (D-152)	3,451	928	4,379	30%	7%
Sanchez (D-153)	3,747	863	4,610	30%	7%
N. Nelson (D-154)	3,356	661	4,017	29%	7%
Otten (D-155)	2,905	515	3,420	19%	5%
Herrin (D-156)	2,067	371	2,438	17%	4%

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Shusterman (D-157)	2,449	419	2,868	19%	5%
Sappey (D-158)	2,884	671	3,555	22%	6%
Kirkland (D-159)	13,367	831	14,198	81%	24%
C. Williams (D-160)	3,114	589	3,703	24%	6%
Krueger (D-161)	3,398	677	4,075	28%	6%
Delloso (D-162)	7,503	1,124	8,627	56%	14%
Zabel (D-163)	5,793	1,032	6,825	46%	11%
Curry (D-164)	11,667	1,219	12,886	78%	21%
O'Mara (D-165)	2,433	595	3,028	20%	5%
Vitali (D-166)	2,149	424	2,573	18%	4%
Howard (D-167)	2,220	458	2,678	16%	4%
Quinn (R-168)	1,849	472	2,321	17%	4%
Klunk (R-169)	5,359	908	6,267	42%	10%
White (R-170)	7,589	1,148	8,737	64%	13%
Benninghoff (R-171)	3,716	573	4,289	28%	7%
Boyle (D-172)	9,388	910	10,298	72%	16%
Driscoll (D-173)	10,023	1,018	11,041	77%	17%
Neilson (D-174)	8,566	1,067	9,633	74%	16%
Isaacson (D-175)	5,563	339	5,902	56%	10%
Rader (R-176)	5,660	801	6,461	39%	10%
Hohenstein (D-177)	11,564	970	12,534	75%	19%
Thomas (R-178)	1,931	584	2,515	16%	4%
Dawkins (D-179)	16,811	971	17,782	83%	27%
Cruz (D-180)	16,914	721	17,635	80%	29%
Kenyatta (D-181)	11,141	460	11,601	75%	19%
Sims (D-182)	5,220	198	5,418	100%	9%

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Mako (R-183)	4,517	809	5,326	40%	9%
Fiedler (D-184)	8,445	671	9,116	74%	15%
Young (D-185)	10,476	917	11,393	69%	18%
Harris (D-186)	9,164	630	9,794	64%	16%
Day (R-187)	3,531	766	4,297	27%	7%
Krajewski (D-188)	6,466	416	6,882	59%	11%
R. Brown (R-189)	5,816	772	6,588	41%	11%
A. Brown (D-190)	13,342	627	13,969	90%	22%
McClinton (D-191)	15,004	878	15,882	86%	26%
Cephas (D-192)	10,760	864	11,624	72%	19%
Ecker (R-193)	4,800	972	5,772	38%	9%
DeLissio (D-194)	3,310	506	3,816	38%	6%
Bullock (D-195)	9,879	446	10,325	72%	16%
Grove (R-196)	5,111	943	6,054	41%	10%
Burgos (D-197)	17,587	648	18,235	87%	28%
Parker (D-198)	13,632	669	14,301	88%	23%
Gleim (R-199)	5,559	766	6,325	45%	10%
Rabb (D-200)	5,785	643	6,428	49%	10%
Kinsey (D-201)	12,083	742	12,825	81%	21%
Solomon (D-202)	14,391	1,206	15,597	81%	24%
Fitzgerald (D-203)	12,116	1,072	13,188	71%	20%
Statewide	1,248,814	151,398	1,400,212	47%	11%

Note: The totals above will not match the enrollment counts provided monthly by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services due to report timing differences. Monthly Medicaid child enrollment includes youth ages 19-20: an additional 116,969 youth ages 19-20 were also served in September 2021. CHIP data does not reflect the 22 youth who turned 19 in September 2021.



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