

## **BIPARTISAN CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007**

### **\$35 billion for strengthening and improving children's health coverage.**

- Protects coverage of 6 million children today covered by CHIP.
- Covers approximately \$4 million additional children who would otherwise be uninsured.
- Largest investment in children's health since passage of the Children's Health Insurance Program in 1997.

### **New Outreach and Enrollment Options.**

- \$300 million in outreach grants for States, community organizations, tribal organizations, and national initiatives to enroll hard to reach populations.
- New 'Express Lane' option for one-stop enrollment.
- Facilitated enrollment for newborns to ensure coverage starts immediately.

### **Improved funding formula to shore up access to coverage and encourage States to reach uninsured children who are eligible but not enrolled.**

- Revises current CHIP distribution formula to more accurately track State need (reflects House provisions).
- Provides a child enrollment contingency adjustment to allotments for States that succeed in reaching the eligible but not enrolled.
- Provides performance bonus payments for States that are successful in reaching children who are eligible but not enrolled.

### **Maintains CHIP focus on children.**

- Immediately reduces Federal payments for States covering childless adults, moves parent programs to a separate grant program, and phases those programs out over time.
- States that continue coverage of parents must meet performance targets for children's enrollment. While they will no longer qualify for CHIP payments, States can qualify for additional matching funds.
- Allows States a new option to provide health care to pregnant women so children are born healthy.

### **Protects and improves access to benefits for children.**

- Provides dental coverage under CHIP for children.
- Provides mental health parity (coverage is treated parallel to physical health coverage in benchmark packages).
- Improves payments for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers to protect access to health care for children from rural or underserved communities.
- Provides grant money for diabetes prevention and clarifies coverage of school-based clinic services through CHIP. Also protects school-based care for the disabled and rehabilitation services by placing a moratorium until May 24, 2008 on regulations that would deny access to these services.

### **Reduces disparities in accessing health care.**

- Provides outreach grants for underserved populations to increase enrollment of eligible children.
- Provides enhanced funding to States for language and translation to serve limited English proficient families.
- Provides new funding for obesity programs.
- Provides option to States to use a less burdensome process to document identity and citizenship, which under current law is a significant barrier to enrolling millions of eligible children.
- Directs the HHS Secretary to develop a model process for enrolling children whose families move between States, such as disaster victims, military families, and children of migrant workers.

### **New premium assistance options for securing employer-sponsored coverage.**

- Creates a new option for CHIP programs to subsidize employer sponsored coverage for children whose parents may already have access to coverage.