

## TWO WAYS TO GET MORE KIDS COVERED

In Georgia, 93 percent of kids have health coverage, many thanks to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), known as PeachCare for Kids. While clearly this is good news, nevertheless, Georgia still has the 4th highest number of uninsured children.

### GEORGIA CAN DO TWO THINGS TO COVER MORE THAN 50% OF ELIGIBLE KIDS:

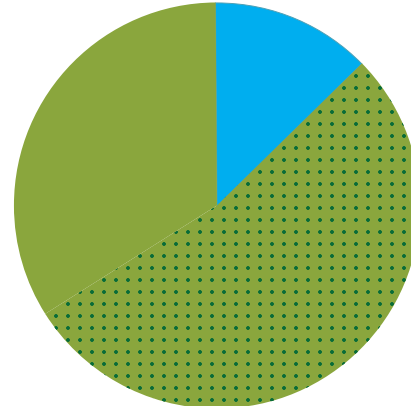


Guarantee enrollment for children for 12 continuous months to ensure that temporary surges in family income like seasonal overtime don't wreak havoc and cause kids to lose coverage. Continuous eligibility also enables Georgia to better measure the quality of care children receive.



77,000 kids can gain coverage if the state used SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) eligibility data to automatically enroll eligible children. This would also reduce the administrative burden on the state to collect and review previously verified data.

Of the **163,000** kids who are **uninsured**, approximately **140,000** of them are **eligible** but not enrolled in Medicaid or PeachCare.



### WHAT'S AT RISK WHEN KIDS DON'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?

- Children do not receive the check-ups needed to identify life-threatening conditions.
- Children who take prescribed medications for chronic conditions, such as asthma or ADHD, are forced to suddenly stop taking them.
- Delayed medical visits can change routine health care into crisis health care.
- Doctors and hospitals are forced to either provide care at no cost or deny services.