Two Ways to Get Kids Covered

In Georgia, 92 percent of children have health coverage. Many are insured through Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), known as PeachCare for Kids. **Georgia has the 5th highest number of uninsured children in the nation with a gap of an estimated 217,000 kids.**

**TWO THINGS GEORGIA CAN DO TO COVER MORE THAN 50% OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN:**

1. 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.

2. Use SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) eligibility data to automatically enroll eligible children. This would allow tens of thousands of Georgia’s children to gain coverage while reducing the administrative burden on the state to collect and review previously verified data.

**217,000 of Georgia’s children are uninsured.**

The majority are eligible for, 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 suddenly forced to 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.

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