CHIP in North Carolina:
Quick facts on the Children’s Health Insurance Program

Context on North Carolina’s CHIP program

For twenty years, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) has covered children from families with lower incomes. Every state can choose whether to cover its CHIP population through A) Medicaid, B) A separate CHIP program, or C) A combination program that uses both. North Carolina administers a combination program called Health Choice for Children.

North Carolina has significant flexibility to design and administer its CHIP program within broad federal guidelines. Every state has an approved plan, covering millions of children across the United States.

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) extended federal funding at current levels through Sept 2017. Legislative action is needed to continue funding CHIP past this September.

Share of population <19 with CHIP coverage

CHIP funding in NC at a glance

- **Average monthly enrollees:** 221,000
- **Average per-member per-month cost (PMPM)** $176
- **Total cost** $469.0 million
- **Total federal share of cost** $467.6 million
- **Total NC share of cost** $1.4 million
- **Federal matching rate** 99.82%
- **Percent of eligible children who participate:** 93.4%
- **Percentage of children in age 12-24 months visiting a primary care provider:** 96.4%

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1 American Academy of Pediatrics  
2 DHHS data