

# TEXAS CHIP COALITION

for healthy babies and children



## Fiscal Facts: Texas CHIP and Children's Medicaid

**28¢:** the amount Texas pays for every one dollar spent on a child's health care through CHIP (2009)

**41¢:** the amount Texas pays for every one dollar spent on a child's health care through Medicaid CHIP (2009)

**\$958 Million:** the amount of federal CHIP funding Texas has forfeited to other states

**\$2.52:** the amount of federal match the state receives for every state dollar invested in CHIP (2009)

**\$1.47:** the amount of federal match the state receives for every state dollar invested in Medicaid (2009)

**100%:** the amount local taxpayers and charities pay for the uncompensated care of an uninsured child because they are going without the support of federal matching funds which are available

**.51¢:** the amount local taxes must rise for every state dollar removed from the CHIP and Medicaid programs

**\$37:** the approximate Texas cost per month of providing a child health care through CHIP (\$130 total; federal share \$93)

**5:** an uninsured child is five times more likely to rely on emergency room treatment for routine care

**10%:** providers are able to recoup, on average, less than 10% of the cost of care for the uninsured

**25%:** the odds that an uninsured child is more likely to miss school because of illness

**\$1,500:** the amount of the average insured Texas family's annual private health insurance premium which is directly due to the costs of uncompensated care for the uninsured.

**1.5 million:** uninsured children in Texas in 2007—over 20% of Texas' children

**750,000:** uninsured Texas kids who COULD be enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP—but AREN'T.

**26:** number of states already covering kids to 250% FPL or higher; 18 of these to 300% FL or higher.

**#1:** Medicaid is the #1 source of federal funds for our state budget, nearly 3 times federal education funds and 4 times highway funding

**25%:** Reduction in health care costs per child found by studies in Texas and California when children went from 6 month coverage to 12 months—mostly due to decreased hospital and Emergency Room care.

**5:** number of Texas health programs that ALREADY give 12 full months of coverage: Medicaid newborns, Medicaid maternity coverage, CHIP perinatal program, traditional Texas CHIP, Women's Health Medicaid Waiver—plus HHSC proposed 12-month coverage in the recent SB 10 Medicaid 1115 waiver request.

**\$485 million:** HHSC's 2009 preliminary estimate of the state funds needed for 12-month child Medicaid coverage for 2 years. Two years ago, HHSC's estimate was \$284 million.

**10X-15X:** size of new federal Medicaid funds (now projected at \$5.45 billion) that Texas will receive from federal economic recovery legislation, compared to cost of 12-month children's Medicaid.