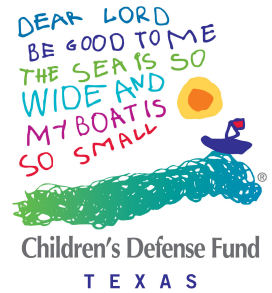


Ten things to know about: Children and Health Reform

The Affordable Care Act (aka Health Reform) builds on Texas' recent success to reach more uninsured and under-insured children.



How the Affordable Care Act delivers for children, today and in 2014:

1. Starting in 2014, 95% of Texas children will have access to quality, affordable health coverage. *This is significant as Texas has the highest number of uninsured children in the nation.*
2. Children can no longer be denied or dropped from coverage for pre-existing conditions or when they get sick. *This is in place right now!*
3. Children can stay on their parents' health insurance plan until they turn 26. *This is in place right now and helping 2.5 million young adults, over 300,000 from Texas.*
4. The ACA's new health insurance marketplace will allow parents who currently make over the CHIP income limit, to cover themselves and their children through a private *marketplace* that's convenient, transparent, easy to use, and offers coverage for the care kids actually need (including dental and vision) at prices parents can afford. *CHIP parents will also be able to get coverage through the marketplace! Sliding-scale subsidies will help families with more modest incomes.*
5. Tax credits are already making it easier for small businesses to cover their employees' dependents. *Most employers in the state of Texas are small businesses.*
6. Children receive preventive health services, like immunizations and screenings, with no out-of-pocket costs. *This has already taken effect!*
7. Insurance companies can no longer place lifetime or annual limits on children's health care. This and many other cost protections will dramatically reduce the number of Texas families forced into bankruptcy from medical bills. *Medical bills are currently the #1 reason for bankruptcy.*
8. Will adjust Medicaid and CHIP so that parents will no longer have some of their children in one program and some in another program.
9. Authorizes the CHIP program to continue until at least 2019. CHIP provides affordable coverage for children up to 18 in low-to-moderate income families.
10. Improves provider reimbursement rates to many primary care providers to help ensure enough doctors will be available to see children with Medicaid coverage.

Texas should make the most of the Affordable Care Act. To get enrolled in health coverage starting October 1, 2013, call 1800.318.2596. To join us in ensuring Texans have more reliable and cost-effective health care, visit www.TexasWellandHealthy.org or follow us on Facebook @KidsWellTexas and Twitter @TxWellHealthy.