

# INSURE TEXAS KIDS CAMPAIGN – SIGN ON TODAY!

Nationwide, CHIP and Children's Medicaid are extremely cost-effective, delivering comprehensive, affordable health coverage to millions of American children at a cost 31% lower than private insurance.

Texas children deserve that same effective care, so they can grow and learn, and so their parents can spend their days at work, not at the emergency room. Texas taxpayers deserve that same efficiency, so tax dollars are spent on health care, not correcting bureaucratic mistakes.

When Texas kids are healthy, everyone wins. This isn't about politics, it's about doing what's right for our children. Consider the facts:

- Texas has the nation's **highest rate of uninsured children**, with one in five kids lacking coverage.
- More than **half of the 1.4 million uninsured children in Texas are eligible for but not enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or Children's Medicaid.**
- Texas has already **lost \$832 million in federal matching funds** by not fully funding CHIP.

## **The Cure - Cut the number of uninsured Texas kids in half by enrolling every eligible child in Medicaid and CHIP**

- Implement 12 months continuous eligibility for CHIP and Children's Medicaid
- Fix problems with the Integrated Eligibility System to prevent eligible kids from losing coverage
- Provide adequate reimbursement for Medicaid and CHIP providers
- Invest in outreach and education to ensure that eligible children are enrolled
- Adopt CHIP policies that encourage personal responsibility while helping low income families to achieve self-sufficiency
  - Eliminate the asset test
  - Eliminate the 90 day waiting period for uninsured children
  - Deduct childcare and child support expenses when calculating income

### **Who Has Signed On to the *Insure Texas Kids* Campaign?**

Over 30 statewide hospitals, health plans and community based organizations have endorsed the *Insure Texas Kids* Campaign. See attached sign on form for an updated list!

For more information, contact Barbara Best, Children's Defense Fund Texas  
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*YES! I support cutting the number of uninsured children in half by enrolling every eligible child in CHIP and Children's Medicaid. Include my name or organization on the membership list of the Insure Texas Kids Campaign.*

**Sign my organization up as a supporter of the *INSURE TEXAS KIDS CAMPAIGN*.**

**Sign me up as an individual supporter of the *INSURE TEXAS KIDS CAMPAIGN*.**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please FAX to: 713.664.1975 c/o Children's Defense Fund Texas  
Or MAIL to: 4500 Bissonnet, Ste. 260, Bellaire, Texas 77401**

## **Organizations that have signed on to the Campaign include:**

Children's Defense Fund Texas • Center for Public Policy Priorities • Amerigroup • Advocacy, Inc. • Any Baby Can Texas • Children at Risk • Children's Hospital Association of Texas • Children's Medical Center of Dallas • CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital • Driscoll Children's Health Plan • El Paso First Health Plan • Harris County Hospital District • insure a kid • League of Women Voters of Texas Methodist Health Care Ministries • San Antonio Nonprofit Council • Seton Family of Hospitals • Superior Health Plan • Texans Care for Children • Texas Association of Community Health Centers • Texas Association of Health Plans • Texas Children's Hospital and Health Plan • Texas Hospital Association • Texas Impact • Texas Medical Association • Texas Pediatric Society • United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County • UTMB Choice One

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