

Protect Cover All Coloradans **Coverage for Undocumented Kids & Pregnant Adults**

Cover All Coloradans (HB22-1289) offers kids and families access to critical health coverage while reducing costs for providers and our state's health system.

On January 1, 2025, many undocumented children and pregnant or postpartum adults became eligible for health coverage through Medicaid and CHP+ for the first time because of Cover All Coloradans.

12,000 Coloradans, including more than 9,500 children, are now covered for preventive care, well-child visits, and prenatal and postpartum care through this new coverage, according to the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing. Many previously went without health coverage and care or received care at great cost to Colorado's providers and safety net clinic.

Coverage for Kids: A Smart Investment

Medicaid coverage during childhood supports access to health care and benefits health, education, and economic stability throughout life.

When kids have health coverage, they are more likely to receive care in the right setting and at the right time rather than in the emergency room.

And, when kids have health coverage, providers are compensated for their care – resulting in long-term savings for families, providers, and the health system.

Colorado has made remarkable gains in health coverage over the last 15 years: Just 5% of children – an all-time low – were uninsured in 2022, down from 14% in 2008, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. However, undocumented kids and pregnant adults did not have access to Medicaid before Cover All Coloradans.

Kids Are Covered

As of February 5, 2025, more than 9,500 children are receiving care through Health First Colorado due to Cover All Coloradans. *

Cutting or capping Cover All Coloradans will reverse these gains and create a situation parallel to the Medicaid Unwind, which has led to losses and changes in coverage for thousands of children and sparked a financial crisis for health care providers.

*Enrollment data from Colorado's Health Care Policy and Financing Department

Cover All Coloradans is an innovative and groundbreaking step toward improving access to health coverage for this population and supporting the providers who serve them.

Medicaid’s Vital Role for Children and Communities

Colorado’s Medicaid program covers over 1.4 million Coloradans including...

44% OF ALL
BIRTHS

40% OF ALL
CHILDREN

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Providers, hospitals and safety net clinics across the state are facing incredibly high costs as Coloradans have lost health insurance since the end of the public health emergency in 2023.

Denver Health has estimated it will lose \$155.5 million from uncompensated care in 2024, an increase of 10%, due to recent increases in uninsured patients. Many clinics have warned they are at risk of closure. People who now have health insurance because of Cover All Coloradans are active Medicaid members, eligible to receive comprehensive health care, including physical, behavioral, oral health and prenatal and postpartum care. This care is no longer going uncompensated to providers, hospitals and clinics.

Proposals to cut or cap spending on Medicaid, including Cover All Coloradans, would leave thousands of kids in our lowest-income families without health coverage. In some rural Colorado counties, more than half of children have coverage through Medicaid, according to the Georgetown Center for Children and Families. Medicaid helps these communities thrive.

Keep Kids Covered

Today, more than 9,500 children have access to preventative care services who did not a few short weeks ago. Preserving Cover All Coloradans supports children’s health and the stability of Colorado’s providers and health care systems.

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Colorado Children’s Campaign	Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains	Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning
American Academy of Pediatrics, Colorado	Children’s Hospital Colorado	CO+RE
Colorado Center on Law and Policy	Colorado Consumer Health Initiative	Caring for Colorado
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition	Center for Health Progress	Youth Healthcare Alliance
Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights	Adams County Health Department	Elephant Circle
Health District of Northern Larimer County	Colorado Community Health Network	Rose Community Foundation
	Kids First Health Care	

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