

Ask Your Candidate: What About Child Health Coverage?



Every child deserves a healthy start — but too many Colorado families face uncertainty about whether their kids will have coverage at all. Key parts of the health system run on shaky funding and too many families can't count on affordable, stable care.

The goal is simple: no child loses health coverage, and **every family can access the care their kid needs.**

THE NUMBERS

Doubled

The uninsured rate among low-income children **doubled in a single year**

7 in 10

Seven in ten kids live in a **pediatric care desert**

1 in 3

One in three Colorado toddlers is **missing critical vaccines**

WHAT IS COLORADO GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

KEY PRIORITIES

- **Make coverage affordable** — Colorado's health insurance subsidies and reinsurance program need a sustainable funding model so families aren't one budget cycle away from losing help
- **Protect coverage regardless of immigration status** — secure stable, long-term funding for Cover All Coloradans and OmniSalud so every child has access to comprehensive care
- **Strengthen pediatric care access** — build a stable pediatric and prenatal care model in Medicaid and the private market so every family, rural or urban, can count on preventive care
- **Guarantee continuous coverage** — eliminate coverage gaps for young children through Medicaid and CHP+ so kids never lose access to screenings, developmental care, or behavioral health services
- **Equity across ZIP codes** — rural communities and underserved areas face the worst access gaps and need targeted investment

ASK YOUR CANDIDATE

- ✓ How will you ensure Colorado's health coverage infrastructure is built on sustainable, long-term funding?
- ✓ What steps will you take to protect and expand coverage for undocumented children and families?
- ✓ How will you strengthen access to pediatric primary care, especially in rural communities?
- ✓ What is your plan to guarantee continuous health coverage for young children through Medicaid and CHP+?
- ✓ How will you address the doubling of the uninsured rate among low-income children?
- ✓ What will you do to improve childhood vaccination rates and ensure every Colorado child receives recommended vaccines on time?

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