MEDICAID PUTTING SOUTH DAKOTA CHILDREN ON A PATH TO SUCCESS

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide health insurance for South Dakota children; bring federal dollars into the state; and help children grow into healthy, productive adults.

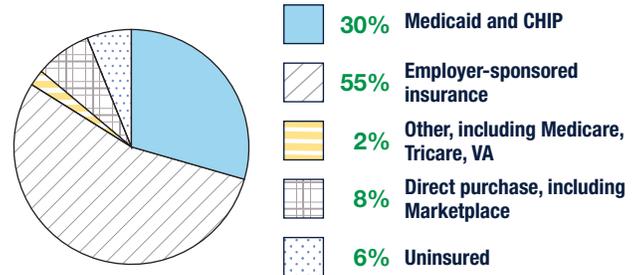## PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR SOUTH DAKOTA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Children make up **68%** of South Dakota residents covered by Medicaid and CHIP.

This equals **78,791** South Dakota children, including:

- **100%** of children in foster care
- **76%** of children who live in or near poverty
- **50%** of children born to moms covered by Medicaid
- **45%** of children with disabilities or special health care needs such as diabetes and asthma
- **39%** of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers

WHERE MEDICAID FITS IN: CHILDREN'S COVERAGE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

- **30%** Medicaid and CHIP
- **55%** Employer-sponsored insurance
- **2%** Other, including Medicare, Tricare, VA
- **8%** Direct purchase, including Marketplace
- **6%** Uninsured

HELPING CHILDREN SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND LIFE

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAID

| MISS LESS SCHOOL | DO BETTER IN SCHOOL | GRADUATE AND ATTEND COLLEGE | BECOME HEALTHIER ADULTS | EARN HIGHER WAGES | PAY MORE IN TAXES |

ENSURING HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT FROM THE START

Medicaid guarantees access to care for children through its **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment** benefit, known as **EPSDT.**

EPSDT is one of the best ways Medicaid helps vulnerable children stay healthy and on track with their peers. It:

- ☑ Identifies problems **early**
- ☑ Checks children's health at **periodic** intervals
- ☑ Provides development, vision, and hearing **screenings** to detect problems
- ☑ Performs **diagnostic** tests to identify risks
- ☑ Provides **treatment** for any problems found

Medicaid is an economic driver, bringing state tax dollars back home:

Every **$1** South Dakota invests in Medicaid brings back **$1.31** in federal funds
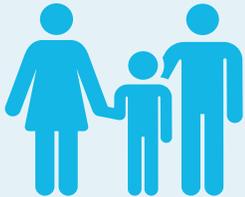
Medicaid strengthens families:

- When parents are covered, they are healthier and better able to care for their children.
- Data show that children are more likely to get and keep health insurance when their parents are covered.
- When parents and children are covered, the whole family is more financially secure.

AFTER YEARS OF PROGRESS, WE'RE LOSING GROUND

- In 2017, the number of uninsured children **increased** for the first time in a decade. **276,000 more U.S. children** became uninsured, including 3,000 in South Dakota.

- In 2018, the number of children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP **fell by about 840,000** nationwide— including **1,907 in South Dakota.**

These data show that **children's health coverage is headed in the wrong direction—** an alarming trend that cannot be ignored.

WE MUST PROTECT CHILDREN'S COVERAGE

KEEP MEDICAID STRONG

Medicaid faces serious threats in states where enrollment barriers such as work reporting requirements, budget cuts, and moves to block grant or cap Medicaid funding are being proposed. Actions like these prevent Medicaid from doing its job of providing health insurance. We must prevent harmful changes that add costly administrative burden for states while also taking away people's health coverage.

KEEP CHILDREN COVERED

States have made historic gains in covering children. But, with coverage rates stalling or headed in the wrong direction, we must double down on efforts to reach and enroll eligible children, focus on system improvements to keep them covered, and ensure that parents have health insurance, so they can keep themselves and their families healthy.