

The new health care law: What's in it for me & Tennessee?

BENEFITS for CHILDREN

Tennesseans and their families will receive security and peace of mind from the new health care law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Benefits begin this year, with most benefits in place by 2014.



2010

- Children with pre-existing conditions are now protected through guaranteed issue of coverage, this means insurance companies cannot deny them affordable, quality health insurance
- Free preventative services through qualified health insurance plans to provide pediatrician-recommended care for children such as immunizations and preventative care for infants, children, and adolescents
- CoverKids (CHIP) remains an option
- TennCare (Medicaid) for Children remains an option

2014

- All kids have access to affordable health coverage through a range of choices: TennCare, the Exchange, and affordable private plans
- Parents who earn up to 400% of poverty (\$88,200 for a family of 4) may qualify for tax credits and premium assistance to help afford coverage for their kids (and themselves)
- TennCare coverage expanded for all low-income families, allowing children and parents to be covered together
- Less worries because if a parent loses a job it no longer means families will have the added worry of becoming uninsured

Summary of Medicaid, CHIP and low-income provisions of health care reform @
<http://ccf.georgetown.edu/index/cms-filesystem-action?file=ccf%20publications/health%20reform/health%20reform%20summary.pdf>



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