



**Department of Health
& Human Services**

State CHIP Enrollment Update

MAC Meeting

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State CHIP Enrollment Updates

- Enrollment for State CHIP closed on Jan. 31, 2026, and remains closed at this time.
- It will likely remain closed until SFY 2028.
- State CHIP operates on a strict capped annual legislative appropriation of \$4.5 Million.
- Keeping enrollment closed ensures we remain within the legislatively appropriated budget while maintaining quality healthcare services for existing members.
- Plan to run enrollment #'s quarterly to look at opening enrollment sooner.

Impact of Cost Increases on Enrollment

- When State CHIP implemented, the average cost per member per month (PMPM) was **\$205**, allowing the fixed budget to cover an average of **1,800 children** per month.
 - Quarterly CHIP premium of \$75 was in place. This was discontinued and can no longer be used to offset costs.
- For SFY 2027, rising healthcare services and administrative costs have increased the PMPM rate to **\$320**.
- Under this updated rate, the same \$4.5 million budget can support approximately **1,100 children** per month.
- For the month of July 2026, there were approximately 1,200 children on State CHIP.

Commitment to Continued Services

- Children currently enrolled in State CHIP will continue to receive uninterrupted medical, dental, and vision coverage.
- The pause on enrollment only affects *new* applications.
- Enrolled children can and should continue to use their benefits.
- We encourage families to continue to apply for medical coverage.
 - Applications will be evaluated for other available health coverage programs, such as traditional CHIP or Medicaid.

Questions?

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