



Cover All Kids



Child enrollment in New Jersey Family Care continues to drop at alarming rates

80,000

Kids are uninsured

58%

Of uninsured kids are already eligible for NJ Family Care but not participating

71%

Of uninsured kids are children of color as a result of a history of discrimination

It's Time To Cover All Kids!

When kids have access to health care, they are more likely to succeed in school and have better health and economic outcomes as adults. New Jersey lawmakers now have a historic opportunity to ensure that all kids in the state have the health coverage and care they need to thrive.

Why We Need This

New Jersey has about 80,000 children who lack health coverage. Children of color are disproportionately represented in the population of uninsured. Covering all kids would reduce hospital charity care costs for children which is about \$8.5 million and qualify the state to receive up to \$60 million in additional Medicaid and Childrens Health Insurance Program (CHIP) federal matching funds.

Support S876

This bill ensures all New Jersey children can access coverage, removes barriers to eligibility, and keeps kids covered all year round. The bill:

- Expands NJ FamilyCare eligibility to all children less than 19 with household incomes less than the current level of 350% of the federal poverty limit.
- Re-establishes buy-in for children with household incomes over 400% who have no access to affordable coverage.
- Contains confidentiality safeguards to ensure enrollee data is protected.
- Provides funding for targeted outreach.