Children’s Health Insurance Program—CBO’s Baseline as of March 6, 2020

The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides health insurance coverage for children in families whose income, although modest, is above the threshold to qualify for Medicaid. Each state can set its own eligibility threshold, but generally it falls between 138 percent and 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Like Medicaid, CHIP is administered by the states within broad federal guidelines. Unlike Medicaid, however, CHIP has a fixed nationwide limit on federal spending.

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By Fiscal Year

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**Memorandum:**

Total Enrolled Within a Fiscal Year (Millions of people) | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |

Available Funding (Billions of dollars) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State allotments | 17 | 18 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 178 | |
| Prior-year funds still available | 5 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 94 | |
| Budget authority rescissions | -2 | -3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -3 | |
| Total Funding Available | 20 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 28 | 26 | 23 | 20 | 268 |

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Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

\(^*\) = fewer than 50,000 enrollees.

\(^a\) Title XXI of the Social Security Act provides funding through September 2027. Consistent with statutory guidelines, CBO assumes in its baseline spending projections that annual funding for the program in later years will continue at $15.3 billion.

\(^b\) These figures represent the number of beneficiaries enrolled on an average monthly basis in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, but they do not include enrollment in the U.S. territories.

\(^c\) Average federal spending on benefit payments per enrollee in 2019 reflects a 23 percentage-point increase in the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage. In 2020 that increase falls to 11.5 percentage points, and in 2021 there is no additional percentage-point increase, resulting in an average federal matching rate of 70 percent.