



## **Children's Health Insurance Program**

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides health insurance coverage for children in families whose income is low but above the threshold to qualify for Medicaid. Each state can set its own threshold for CHIP eligibility, and most set it somewhere between 138 percent and 350 percent of the federal poverty level. Like Medicaid, CHIP is administered by the states within broad federal guidelines. Unlike Medicaid, however, each state receives a funding allotment based on a formula specified in law.

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	Actual, 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2027- 2031	2027- 2036
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>														
Billions of dollars, by fiscal year														
Budget Authority <sup>a</sup>	21	22	26	27	28	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	112	188
Outlays	23	25	26	27	28	24	15	15	15	15	15	15	122	198
<b>PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION</b>														
Enrollment at Baseline Funding Amounts <sup>b</sup>														
Millions of children	7	7	7	7	7	6	4	3	3	3	3	3	n.a	n.a
Millions of adults	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	n.a	n.a
Total Enrollment	7	7	7	7	7	6	4	3	3	3	3	3	n.a	n.a
Average Annual Federal Spending on														
Benefit Payments per Enrollee (Dollars)	3,156	3,464	3,654	3,812	3,976	4,014	4,125	4,418	4,459	4,603	4,752	4,905	n.a	n.a

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; n.a. = not applicable; \* = fewer than 500,000 enrollees.

a. Title XXI of the Social Security Act provides funding through September 2029. Through 2023, budget authority for the program was set by statute. For the 2024-2029 period, budget authority is set to equal the amounts needed to fund allotments. After 2029, consistent with section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, CBO assumes that the program will continue to operate as it would immediately before its scheduled expiration in 2029.

b. Amounts represent the number of beneficiaries enrolled on an average monthly basis in the 50 states and the District of Columbia but exclude enrollment in the U.S. territories.