

Children's Health Insurance Program—CBO's April 2018 Baseline

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.

Children's Health Insurance Program Spending and Enrollment—CBO's April 2018 Baseline

By Fiscal Year

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2018-2028
Federal Funding (Billions of dollars)													
Budget Authority ^a	12.8	17.8	22.6	23.7	24.8	25.9	25.9	14.7	14.8	15.6	15.7	15.3	216.9
Outlays	16.2	15.8	15.7	14.2	12.6	13.0	13.4	13.8	14.3	14.7	15.2	15.7	158.3
Average Monthly Enrollment (Millions of people)													
Enrollment at Baseline Funding Levels													
Children	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
Adults	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total Enrollment:	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.2								
Average Annual Federal Spending on Benefit Payments per Enrollee (dollars) ^c	2,530	2,460	2,480	2,260	2,020	2,080	2,150	2,220	2,290	2,370	2,440	2,510	
Memorandum:													
Total Enrolled Within a Fiscal Year (Millions of people)	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	
Federal Funding (Billions of dollars)													
New budget authority	20.4	21.5	22.6	23.7	24.8	25.9	25.9	14.7	14.8	15.6	15.7	15.3	220.5
State allotments	16.0	16.9	16.7	17.8	15.1	16.1	13.8	14.6	14.7	15.5	15.6	15.3	172.1
Prior-year funds still available	6.8	4.9	6.1	7.2	10.8	12.9	15.3	13.6	14.4	14.5	15.3	15.5	130.4
Rescissions	-7.6	-3.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3.7
Total Funding Available:	19.6	22.8	28.7	30.9	35.6	38.8	41.2	28.3	29.2	30.1	31.0	30.8	347.3

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 do not include enrollment in the U.S. territories.

c. Average federal spending on benefit payments per enrollee reflects a 23 percentage-point increase in the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage, which continues through 2019. 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.