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Cover All Children

The Allegheny County Medical Society commends Governor Rendell on receiving final approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to expand Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), making health care coverage available to all uninsured children and teens, regardless of family income.

All children deserve access to medical care. Through the CHIP program, affordable, comprehensive health care insurance is available on a sliding fee scale based on family income. Every child who resides in Pennsylvania can have coverage.

As a body of physicians, the ACMS urges parents who have no health coverage for their children to apply for the CHIP program. Preventative health care is essential in helping our children become healthy adults. Through CHIP, any child is able to receive medical care through all developmental stages—from infancy up to 19 years of age. Immunizations, vision, hearing, and dental care, and regular pediatric examinations are all key to a healthy start in life. In addition, CHIP provides insurance coverage for serious illness and injury, prescription coverage, and mental health care.

We all benefit by giving children the chance to grow, learn, and play in the best health possible. Families and physicians now have the opportunity to partner in providing the necessary care to all of Pennsylvania's children.

For information about CHIP, visit www.CHIPcoversPAkids.com or call a CHIP counselor at 1-800- 986-KIDS (5437).

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The Allegheny County Medical Society has 2,500 physician members from all specialties and is dedicated to providing leadership and advocacy on healthcare issues for the community and physicians. The organization has been serving Allegheny County since 1865. For more information, please contact ACMS at 412-321-5030 or acms@acms.org.