
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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COMITTA, DEASY, CEPHAS, RAVENSTAHL AND DALEY,
OCTOBER 16, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, OCTOBER 16, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States and Congress to
2 reauthorize funding for the Children's Health Insurance
3 Program.

4 WHEREAS, The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was
5 established in 1997, based on Pennsylvania's model, to deliver
6 Federal matching funds to states to provide low-cost health
7 insurance to children up to 19 years of age who are uninsured
8 and not eligible for medical assistance; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, 9 million children in the United States are
10 enrolled in CHIP, 176,667 of whom reside in Pennsylvania as of
11 September 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, CHIP protects and promotes the health and welfare of
13 low-income children, ensuring health care coverage for an array
14 of services, including routine checkups, emergency visits,
15 immunizations, laboratory and x-ray services, prescriptions and

1 dental and vision care, among others; and

2 WHEREAS, CHIP helps prevent illness and treat childhood
3 diseases, protecting the lives of ailing children and the health
4 of the general public as well; and

5 WHEREAS, For tens of thousands of struggling families in
6 Pennsylvania, CHIP is a low-cost option to make sure their
7 children have access to quality health care services; and

8 WHEREAS, Federal funding for CHIP was last reauthorized in
9 2015 and expired on September 30, 2017; and

10 WHEREAS, Without Congressional action, Federal funding
11 allocated to Pennsylvania for CHIP participants is projected to
12 be exhausted by February 2018, leaving millions of children
13 without coverage and limiting their access to care, while
14 simultaneously burdening families financially and placing the
15 public's health at risk; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
17 Pennsylvania urge the President of the United States and
18 Congress to reauthorize funding for the Children's Health
19 Insurance Program to ensure Federal funding for Pennsylvania's
20 Children's Health Insurance Program; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
22 the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the
23 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
24 Representatives and each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.