

# The time is now! Extend CHIP!

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CHIP- or the [Children's Health Insurance Program](#)- provides affordable health insurance to about 20,000 children in Utah and nearly 9 million kids across the U.S. For over 20 years, CHIP has helped low-income children get the health coverage they need, and their families to have peace-of-mind knowing that their kids will have quality, affordable care. CHIP has traditionally received broad, bipartisan support. Utah's own [Senator Hatch is one of the founding fathers of the program](#). Together CHIP and Medicaid have helped Utah achieve [historic gains](#) in children's health insurance coverage.

So, what's the catch? CHIP funding needs to be renewed – and the clock is running out. Congress needs to act before September 30<sup>th</sup>.


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**With Medicaid &  
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When Congress returns from their August recess, extending CHIP funding must be at the top of their list. A 5-year renewal of CHIP, which maintains current funding match levels and program requirements until FY2022, will ensure that families are protected in an uncertain healthcare environment.

A CHIP renewal by the end of September is critical for Utah's CHIP program to operate effectively and- most importantly- for kids and families to get the quality care they need to stay healthy and thrive.

What can you do? Tells us how CHIP, or Medicaid, has made a difference in your life. [Share your story...](#)

The time is now for Congress to continue their 20-year-old commitment to kids and extend CHIP funding!