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WAY TO GO, UTAH LEGISLATURE!



Removing the 5-year waiting period helps even more kids get covered!

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Spread the word: lawfully residing immigrant kids can enroll in CHIP and Medicaid now!

As of July 1st, 2016, new legislation takes effect that eliminates the previously mandated 5-year waiting period before lawfully-residing immigrant children in Utah could enroll in CHIP and Medicaid. Thank you to the Utah Legislature and the Utah Department of Health for making this change! Five years is too long for a child to wait. More good news: [the federal government will match up to 100% of the state dollars Utah spends to remove the 5-year waiting period](#), making this a fiscally-prudent policy change for Utah.

~~Voice for Children's Health has supported ending the 5-year wait during the 2016 Utah state access to affordable health coverage is a significant step to help all children in the state access the care they need.~~

~~In addition to allowing states to end the 5-year wait for children, the 2009 Children's Health Protection Act improves the health of some of the nation's most vulnerable women,~~

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To learn more about CHIP and Medicaid eligibility, call 211 or visit takecareutah.org. (A Spanish version is available at takecareutah.org/es/.)

For 30 years now, Voices for Utah Children has called on our state, federal and local leaders to put children's needs first. But the work is not done. The children of 30 years ago now have children of their own. Too many of these children are growing up in poverty, without access to healthcare or quality educational opportunities.

How can you be involved?

[Make a tax-deductible donation](#) to Voices for Utah Children—or [join our Network](#) with a monthly donation of \$20 or more. Network membership includes complimentary admission to Network events with food, socializing, and opportunity to meet child advocacy experts. And don't forget to [join our listserv](#) to stay informed!

We look forward to the future of Voices for Utah Children and we hope you will be a part of our next 30 years.

Special thanks to American Express for sponsoring our 30th Anniversary Year.

