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## **The Children's Partnership**

### **HEALTH POLICY STATEMENT**

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The Children's Partnership urges Congress and the new administration to make the needs of America's children a priority. As part of any economic stimulus package, Congress and the President should provide an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) to give states additional help for their health care programs.

Within the first three months of 2009, Congress and President Obama should enact a five-year State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) reauthorization to cover at least an additional 4 to 5 million uninsured children, including legal immigrant children. As part of the national health care reform effort that will follow SCHIP reauthorization, all children and their parents should have access to affordable, quality, comprehensive health insurance.

The Children's Partnership looks forward to working with policy-makers and other national and local organizations to make children a priority in any health reform proposal.