

Sacramento, CA - Acoalition of California children's advocacy organizations expressed opposition to federal legislation that would eliminate state Medicaid eligibility and enrollment requirements and jeopardize the health coverage of 4.5 million California children.

The legislation introduced by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Representative Phil Gingrey (R-GA) would repeal a provision of the Affordable Care Act that requires states to maintain current eligibility and enrollment requirements for Medicaid and CHIP. In California, this children's coverage stability provision (Maintenance of Effort) ensures that children currently eligible for and covered by Medi-Cal and Healthy Families cannot be dropped from coverage.

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