



# #FundCHIPColorado

[Suggested subject line:] It's nearly too late to save health care for kids

Dear XXXXXX,

Funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which has allowed 8.9 million kids nationally to access quality affordable health care, has run out. Congress has a bipartisan plan to save the program. But every day they wait to act, states are forced closer to cutting kids from the program. Some states may need to start as soon as next month.

In Colorado, about 90,000 kids and pregnant women use CHIP to access quality, affordable health care. Congress has a bipartisan solution to keep the funding going, but it must act in order to make it a reality. In Colorado, kids and pregnant women will be losing their health care in just three months, if Congress doesn't advance a solution. Colorado families should not get insurance cancellation notices for the holidays.

Please take a few minutes and call your U.S. Senators and Representatives to register your stand for kids and pregnant women. Tell them you believe the bipartisan solution is right for Colorado and right for our country. Time is running out and your call can make a difference today.

### **Additional talking points for you to use when contacting your Senators and Representatives:**

- Congress needs to act on the bipartisan plan to extend funding for CHIP for five years. It's a fair compromise that protects kids and pregnant women.
- Congress should pass the policy proposals that have been put forth in both chambers, with bipartisan offsets.
- Extending funding for CHIP for five years will help ensure stable coverage for working families and greater budget certainty for states.
- Maintaining funding for the CHIP program is crucial to protecting Colorado's budget.
- 90,000 children and pregnant women from working families in Colorado use CHIP for their health insurance every year.
- Children with chronic conditions deserve certainty in their medical coverage. And pregnant women should not be forced to scramble for a new doctor mid-pregnancy. Ending a successful program, with little warning, denies children the healthy start they need.
- Kids with health coverage are less likely to drop out of high school, more likely to graduate from college, and have higher incomes as adults.

### **Contact Information for Colorado's U. S. Senators**

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**Contact Information for Colorado's U.S. Representatives**

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Call if you live in Aurora, Centennial, Highlands Ranch, Brighton  
Local office (720) 748-7514 National office (202) 225-7882

Representative Tipton  
Call if you live in Grand Junction, Durango, Pueblo, Gunnison  
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Representative Buck  
Call if you live in Greeley, Fort Collins, Longmont, Brush, Burlington, Fort Morgan, Stratton, Julesburg, Holyoke  
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Representative Lamborn  
Call if you live in Salida, Buena Vista, Colorado Springs, Monument, Fountain, Canyon City, Woodland Park  
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Representative Polis  
Call if you live in Lafayette, Niwot, Boulder, Fort Collins, Lyons, Loveland, Granby, Breckenridge, Silverthorne, Kremmling  
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