

# New York Groups Urge Congress: Pass CHIP Reauthorization

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Dear New York State Congressional Delegation:

**Congress must renew federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) now.** New York will exhaust funding for our CHIP program, known as Child Health Plus, in early 2018. Even before the money runs out, we expect that the State will need to inform families that coverage will end. **This does not have to happen: Congress is close to getting CHIP done. There is agreement on the policy and the program has the same bipartisan support today as it did when it was created.**

The undersigned represent child and health advocates from across New York State and we are deeply concerned that the lack of action by our Members of Congress has placed Child Health Plus and the health of **hundreds of thousands of children** in jeopardy. We take great pride in New York's historically high rate of children's health coverage; nearly 98 percent of our children have health insurance, thanks in large part to Medicaid and CHIP.

New York, like all states, is in urgent need of continued, stable, long-term funding for CHIP. No family should face the loss of coverage for their children because our elected leaders failed to act. Yet, states have begun sending termination notices to families. *Please, do not let New York be one of those states.* Congress can and must extend CHIP, before any New York child loses health insurance coverage.

Sincerely,

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Bronx Jewish Community Council  
Brooklyn Perinatal Network, Inc.  
Bruderhof  
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center  
Carl H. Tegtmeier, DMD Family Practice  
Catholic Family Center  
Catholic Health System  
Center for Community Alternatives, Inc.  
Center for Children's Initiatives  
Center for Elder Law & Justice  
Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY  
Center for Safety & Change, Inc.  
Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State  
Chances for Children-NY  
Child and Family Services  
Child Care Council of Orange County, Inc.

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Child Care Resources of Rockland, Inc.  
Children's Aid  
Children's Defense Fund NY  
Children's Health & Research Foundation, Inc.  
Children's Health Fund  
Chinese-American Planning Council  
CIDS  
Citizen Action of New York  
Citizens Committee for Children  
CMP  
Coalition for Asian American Children and Families  
Coalition for the Homeless  
Commission on the Public's Health System  
Committee of Interns and Residents / SEIU  
Community Access, Inc.  
Community Health Care Association of NYS  
Community Healthcare Network  
Community Service Society  
Cooper Square Committee N-NORC  
Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies  
Disabled in Action of Greater Syracuse, Inc.  
Docs for Tots  
Early Childhood Alliance Onondaga  
Early Childhood Policy Associates  
Eastman Dental  
El Centro del Inmigrante  
Families Together in New York State  
Family and Children's Association  
Family Resource Network, Inc.  
Family Services of Westchester  
Family Ties of Westchester, Inc.  
Fiscal Policy Institute  
FPWA  
Good Shepherd Services  
Graham Windham  
Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition  
Gustavus Adolphus Child and Family Services  
Health and Welfare Council of Long Island  
Health Care for All New York  
Health People  
Healthplex, Inc.  
healthy minds of niagara  
Healthy Capital District Initiative  
Hispanic Senior Action council  
Hon. Toney L. Earl, Chairman of the Rockland County Legislature  
Housing Works, Inc.  
Hudson Center for Health Equity and Quality

Hunger Solutions NY  
Immigrant Social Services, Inc.  
Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc.  
Independent Living of the Genesee Region  
Independent Living, Inc.  
Institute for Family Practice  
Jewish Family Service of Buffalo & Erie County New York  
Korean Community Services of MNY Public Health and Research Center  
Lakeview Health Services, Inc.  
Legal Action Center  
Long Island Center for Independent Living  
Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
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Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation, Inc.  
Medicaid Matters NY  
Medical Society of the State of NY  
Mental Health America of Dutchess County  
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Mental Health Association in Essex County, Inc.  
Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.  
MercyFirst  
Mothers & Babies Perinatal Network of SCNY, Inc.  
NAMI Schenectady  
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Rockland Co. Inc.  
New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services  
New York Association on Independent Living  
New York City Chapter of NANN (NYCANN)  
New York State Council of Churches  
New York Dental Hygienists' Association (DHASNY)  
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest  
New York Self-Determination Coalition  
New York State Academic Dental Centers  
New York State Association for Infant Mental Health  
New York State Citizen Review Panels for Child Protective Services  
New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
New York State Perinatal Association  
North Country Access to Health Care Committee  
North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council, Inc.  
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living  
Northern Rivers Family of Services  
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NY Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation  
NYS Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare  
NYU College of Dentistry  
Onondaga County CA\$H Coalition  
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Oral Health Nursing Education and Practice (OHNEP) Program  
Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts  
Prevent Child Abuse New York  
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Rockland County Legislator  
Rockland County Youth Bureau  
Rockland Immigration Coalition  
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy  
Sheltering Arms Children and Family Services  
South Asian Youth Action (SAYA)  
Southern Tier ADAPT  
Southern Tier Independence Center  
STIC  
The Children's Agenda  
The Children's Village and Harlem Dowling  
The Mental Health Association of New York City, Inc.  
The Resource Center for Independent Living  
United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg and North Brooklyn  
United Way of Greater Rochester, Inc.  
University Settlement  
Westchester Children's Association  
Westchester Disabled On the Move Inc.  
WNY Women's Foundation  
Women's City Club of New York  
Young Invincibles