



Through implementation of the children's coverage expansions approved in the current state budget, we are poised to cross the finish line in children's coverage. At the same time, we are coming upon a historic opportunity to make progress in insuring our state's uninsured adults. With Ohioans working together, we can solve the problem of people living without health coverage. Bipartisan leadership and support have made the children's coverage expansions possible in the 2008-09 state budget.

Voices for Ohio's Children was awarded one of nine Finish Line Project grants from the David and Lucille Packard Foundation in early 2008. The Finish Line is a new multi-year, multi-state grant project that provides financial and technical support to state based advocacy organizations in states that are positioned to make significant advances in children's coverage. One goal of the Finish Line Project is to help secure successful implementation of Ohio's new health expansions. The descriptions of the expansions are outlined below.

Ohio's Children's Health Expansions

Children's Buy In Program

Ohio's Children's Buy-In (CBI) program is a state-funded health care program for certain uninsured children in families with income over 300 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). Applications for CBI started being accepted April 1, 2008, with enrollment beginning June 1, 2008. The program was created as part of Governor Strickland's plan to "Turnaround Ohio," to provide more uninsured Ohioans with access to affordable health care. It is expected that 5,000 children will be enrolled in this program by June 30, 2009.

Costs Involved?

Families with children enrolled in the CBI program will be required to pay monthly premiums for each child enrolled. Depending on their income, some families will be eligible to pay a reduced premium amount subsidized with state funds. The amount of the insurance premium depends on the size of the family and household annual income. Once a child is found eligible, a billing statement will be mailed each month indicating the premium amount. An annual deductible, co-payments and coinsurances are also required for each child.

Who's Eligible?

- Children younger than 19 years of age
- Must be a U.S. citizen and an Ohio resident
- Family's household income must be more than 300 percent FPL (see chart on the right for minimum income level requirements)
- Child must have been uninsured for the previous six months

The child must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Unable to obtain insurance coverage due to a preexisting condition
- Lost the only available insurance coverage because of a lifetime benefit limitation
- Cost of the only available insurance is more than twice the premium for CBI
- Child participates in the Ohio Department of Health's Program for Medically Handicapped Children (also known as "BCMHC")

CBI Income Guidelines	
Family Size	Annual Income
2	\$42,000
3	\$52,800
4	\$63,600
5	\$74,400
*Based on 300% FPL for 2008	



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For additional information about CBI, visit www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/cbi.

Free health care coverage for more pregnant women

Ohio Medicaid's Healthy Start program has expanded to cover more of Ohio's pregnant women to ensure they get the vital prenatal care services they need. Women at or below 200% FPL. Once eligible, pregnant women can continue to receive care at no cost until 60 days after giving birth. Plus, babies born to eligible mothers automatically qualify for Medicaid for their first year of life. Pregnancy-related services may include:

- Pregnancy test
- Lamaze or parenting classes
- Help to quit smoking
- Nutrition plan for under/over weight management
- Home visits or weekly phone calls as needed

Family Size	Annual Income at 200% FPL	Monthly Income at 200% FPL
2	\$28,000	\$2,334
3	\$35,200	\$2,934
4	\$42,400	\$3,534
5	\$49,600	\$4,134

For More Information: Contact the Medicaid Consumer Hotline: 1-800-324-8680 or visit www.jfs.ohio.gov/OHP.

Medicaid is extending coverage to kids aging out of foster care

Ohio Medicaid is extending free health coverage to youth who:

- Are 18 to age 21
- Were in foster care at age 18
- Received IV-E funding or independent living services
- Meet basic Medicaid eligibility requirements
- NO proof of income to apply!

Contact local County department of job and family services or Medicaid Consumer Hotline.

SCHIP expanded from 200 to 300% federal poverty level

Ohio's bipartisan leaders led efforts to expand coverage for children to 300% FPL in the state budget. Bureaucrats in Washington have blocked these efforts and 35,000 uninsured Ohio children with incomes between 200 and 300% FPL are still waiting for coverage.

For more information on Children's Policy visit Voices for Ohio's Children at www.vfc-oh.org or call 877.881.7860

Proposed Expansion Guidelines	
Family Size	Annual Income
2	\$42,000
3	\$52,800
4	\$63,600
5	\$74,400

*Based on 300% FPL for 2008

Voices for Ohio's Children is the non-partisan voice of Ohio's nearly 3 million children. With more than 100 collaborative partners, we impact the changes in public policy that improve the health, safety, education, family stability and childcare of Ohio's children and their families.

