

THE CHAMP ACT

The Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act (CHAMP Act) of 2007

COMMITTS \$50 BILLION FOR CHILDREN:

Commits \$50 billion to reauthorize and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to protect the coverage of the six million children today covered by CHIP, and to assure coverage for as many other eligible but uninsured children as possible. Does not raise income levels for families whose children would be eligible for coverage. Does not change current law with respect to the eligibility of adults.

INVESTS IN MEDICARE AND SENIOR CITIZENS:

Remedies the neglect and mismanagement suffered under the Bush Administration. Improvements include:

- **Doctor Payments:** Protects beneficiary access to physicians by eliminating the scheduled 10% physicians' payment reduction. Provides doctors with positive updates for the next two years.
- **Prevention/Beneficiary Improvements:** Encourages wellness by eliminating co-payments and deductibles for current and future preventive benefits, and provides Medicare with the authority to add additional preventive health benefits. Reduces Medicare's discriminatory 50% co-payment on outpatient mental health services. Makes additional improvements to assure access to mental health, physical, occupational and speech therapies, and to reduce health disparities.
- **Protecting Low-Income Beneficiaries:** Expands and improves programs to ensure Medicare remains affordable for those with lower incomes.
- **Rural Investments:** Extends provisions that, if they expire, would negatively affect rural beneficiaries' access to Medicare health services.
- **Protecting Medicare's Future:** Restores balance between Medicare's private plan and fee-for-service payments by phasing out overpayments to certain providers and transitioning to a level playing field. Eliminates inequity in current system which effectively forces patients in traditional Medicare to subsidize those patients in Medicare Advantage programs. Extends the solvency of the Medicare Trust Fund.