



## ***The Kid Angle***

*Kid-focused news from First Focus on Children*

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### **BREAKING: Children will get to keep their health insurance September 1, 2022**

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### **Plus, some of the best kid stories this week**

Nearly 40 million children get their health insurance through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) each year and a proposed new rule from the Administration will help them keep it.

The proposed rule, to be published in the Federal Register Sept. 7, will:

- **Cut bureaucratic red tape** that often results in eligible children losing insurance
- Limit **renewals to every 12 months**, which will spare families having to prove over and over that they qualify and reduce disenrollment of eligible children
- Eliminate **waiting periods** for CHIP, delivering timely care to children
- **Stop coverage loss** when income temporarily increases or categorical eligibility shifts

And it's about time. A [recent analysis by First Focus on Children and partner advocates](#) found that paperwork and other burdens could cost **nearly 7 million disproportionately Black, Latino and indigenous children their health insurance** at the end of the Public Health Emergency, currently scheduled for October.

**[Next step: Make CHIP permanent.](#)** CHIP, which turned 25 this summer, is the **only federal health insurance program that requires constant renewal.**

The **ONLY** one. When Congress allowed it to expire in 2017, it threatened the health and well-being of millions of children for more than four long months.

[More on all of that here](#) and to come.



## News Roundup

Some really good pieces about children this week. Here are a few of the best/most important:

- [The Politics of the Child Tax Credit](#), *The American Prospect*. Voters see it as a strong Democratic accomplishment, and a key Republican vulnerability.
- [Climate change is making it harder for our kids to learn](#), *Salon*. Studies find a link between higher temperatures and lower test scores — but that's only part of the problem.
- [California lawmakers pass landmark children's online safety bill](#), *The Washington Post*. The legislation is part of a growing push nationwide to hold tech companies accountable for how their services affect children's mental health and safety.
- [Podcast | Inside the Adolescent Mental Health Crisis](#), *The New York Times*. Young people in the United States are facing a new set of risks. Why has the situation caught so many people off guard?

On the subject of so-called parental rights, there were these:

- [Judge thwarts Va. Republicans' effort to limit book sales at Barnes & Noble](#), *Washington Post*. The two books being challenged in the lawsuit are Maia Kobabe's "Gender Queer," a memoir about identifying as nonbinary, and Sarah J. Maas's fantasy novel "A Court of Mist and Fury".
- [Parents ask federal judge to block Florida schools from carrying out 'Don't Say Gay' law](#), *Politico*. The group on Friday asked for a hearing in their pursuit of a preliminary injunction.
- [The most powerful moms in America are the new face of the Republican party](#), *Mother Jones*. Their crusade against public education is just the beginning.

**Happy Labor Day weekend!**



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