

Governor's Budget Proposals Attack Children's Health: At Least 225,000 Children Would Lose Health Coverage



On January 8, the Governor released his budget proposal that would decimate California Health Families Program. The level of devastation depends on whether the federal government provides a “trigger” threshold level of additional funding for California (\$6.9 billion). If the trigger amount is NOT provided, the Governor proposes to completely eliminate the Healthy Families Program – kicking 875,000 children out of a successful affordable health coverage program and forfeiting nearly \$800 million in federal funds to save only \$126 million in General Fund dollars. Even if the trigger amount is provided, the Governor would reduce eligibility for the Healthy Families Program to 200% of the poverty level – forcing an estimated 225,000 children out of the program – while also eliminating vision benefits and increasing family premiums.

How Many Children in Your County Would Lose Low-Cost Healthy Families Coverage?

County	Estimated # of Children Losing Healthy Families Coverage if Program is Eliminated ¹	Estimated # of Children Losing Healthy Families Coverage if Eligibility is Reduced to 200% of Poverty Level ²	County	Estimated # of Children Losing Healthy Families Coverage if Program is Eliminated ¹	Estimated # of Children Losing Healthy Families Coverage if Eligibility is Reduced to 200% of Poverty Level ²
Alameda	20,198	5,195	Placer	4,695	1,208
Alpine	2	1	Plumas	263	68
Amador	372	96	Riverside	74,372	19,129
Butte	3,674	945	Sacramento	26,101	6,714
Calaveras	673	173	San Benito	1,859	478
Colusa	1,493	384	San Bernardino	64,183	16,509
Contra Costa	12,341	3,174	San Diego	74,079	19,054
Del Norte	526	135	San Francisco	11,216	2,885
El Dorado	2,896	745	San Joaquin	19,673	5,060
Fresno	21,248	5,465	San Luis Obispo	5,150	1,325
Glenn	1,298	334	San Mateo	10,047	2,584
Humboldt	3,472	893	Santa Barbara	10,542	2,712
Imperial	4,981	1,281	Santa Clara	31,192	8,023
Inyo	296	76	Santa Cruz	6,294	1,619
Kern	24,573	6,320	Shasta	3,981	1,024
Kings	4,006	1,030	Sierra	41	11
Lake	1,601	412	Siskiyou	696	179
Lassen	253	65	Solano	5,287	1,360
Los Angeles	223,442	57,472	Sonoma	11,943	3,072
Madera	4,319	1,111	Stanislaus	13,103	3,370
Marin	2,964	762	Sutter	3,466	891
Mariposa	191	49	Tehama	1,451	373
Mendocino	2,320	597	Trinity	251	65
Merced	8,736	2,247	Tulare	13,659	3,513
Modoc	155	40	Tuolumne	1,014	261
Mono	449	115	Ventura	20,094	5,168
Monterey	18,812	4,839	Yolo	3,824	984
Napa	3,765	968	Yuba	1,893	487
Nevada	2,333	600			
Orange	83,004	21,350			
			All	874,762	225,000

1 November 2009 Healthy Families Current Enrollment by County at www.mrmib.ca.gov/MRMIB/HFP/Nov_09/HFPRpt2A.pdf.

2 Extrapolated from the 225,000 total impact given in the Governor's 2009-10 May Revision: *General Fund Proposals* using ratio of current county enrollment to total state enrollment.