

## PERCENTAGE OF UNINSURED CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

At the October 23-24, 2001, meeting of the Budget Committee on Health Care, the committee requested information on how North Dakota compares to other states in the percentage of eligible children enrolled in the children's health insurance program (CHIP). The committee also requested information on how the administrative approach used by a state may affect the percentage of eligible children enrolled in CHIP; specifically, differences in the percentage of eligible children enrolled in CHIP in each of the nine states that utilize local social service agencies or third parties to perform certain administrative functions.

### AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS REPORT

The American Academy of Pediatrics has issued a report entitled *Children's Health Insurance Advocacy Fact Sheets - 2000*. The report contains a fact sheet for each state. Each fact sheet contains information on the health insurance status of the state's children, including the percentage of uninsured children estimated to be eligible for Medicaid and CHIP. Although the eligibility criteria used by a state is among the factors which may affect the percentage of uninsured children eligible for the state's CHIP or Medicaid program, a low percentage of uninsured children eligible for CHIP or Medicaid may indicate that the state has implemented effective outreach efforts.

Unfortunately, the sample size utilized by the American Academy of Pediatrics to obtain data in several states may have been inadequate. Consequently, as indicated in footnote 1 in the following table, the data should be interpreted with the knowledge that certain estimated percentages are based on standard errors larger than 20 percent. However, despite the inadequate sample size and large standard error, the table provides information which may be useful in comparing each state's effectiveness in enrolling eligible children in CHIP and Medicaid.

State	Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Children Eligible for CHIP	Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Children Eligible for Medicaid	Total Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Children Eligible for CHIP or Medicaid
All states	20%	52%	72%
Alabama <sup>1,3</sup>	25%	39%	64%
Alaska <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	60%	60%
Arizona <sup>1</sup>	30%	53%	83%
Arkansas <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	76%	76%
California <sup>3</sup>	33%	50%	83%
Colorado <sup>1,3</sup>	14%	42%	56%

Connecticut <sup>1,3</sup>	26%	65%	91%
District of Columbia <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	87%	87%
Delaware <sup>1</sup>	24%	50%	74%
Florida <sup>3</sup>	17%	48%	65%
Georgia <sup>1</sup>	6%	58%	64%
Hawaii <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	14%	14%
Idaho	N/A <sup>2</sup>	60%	60%
Illinois	15%	48%	63%
Indiana <sup>1</sup>	10%	52%	62%
Iowa <sup>1,3</sup>	4%	74%	78%
Kansas <sup>1</sup>	26%	30%	56%
Kentucky <sup>1</sup>	6%	72%	78%
Louisiana	N/A <sup>2</sup>	60%	60%
Maine <sup>1</sup>	7%	53%	60%
Maryland <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	65%	65%
Massachusetts <sup>1</sup>	13%	39%	52%
Michigan <sup>3</sup>	18%	50%	68%
Minnesota <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	73%	73%
Mississippi <sup>3</sup>	27%	61%	88%
Missouri <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	74%	74%
Montana <sup>1</sup>	3%	39%	42%
Nebraska <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	77%	77%
Nevada <sup>1</sup>	12%	46%	58%
New Hampshire <sup>1</sup>	11%	60%	71%
New Jersey	36%	42%	78%
New Mexico <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	77%	77%
New York	25%	52%	77%
North Carolina <sup>3</sup>	21%	55%	76%
<b>North Dakota<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>73%</b>
Ohio	N/A <sup>2</sup>	64%	64%
Oklahoma	N/A <sup>2</sup>	50%	50%
Oregon <sup>1</sup>	23%	47%	70%
Pennsylvania	29%	43%	72%
Rhode Island <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	85%	85%
South Carolina <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	70%	70%
South Dakota <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	32%	32%
Tennessee <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	94%	94%
Texas	27%	49%	76%
Utah <sup>1</sup>	20%	47%	67%
Vermont	N/A	N/A	N/A
Virginia <sup>1</sup>	25%	41%	66%
Washington <sup>1</sup>	12%	43%	55%
West Virginia <sup>1</sup>	8%	61%	69%
Wisconsin <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	38%	38%
Wyoming <sup>1</sup>	5%	45%	50%

<sup>N/A</sup> Not available

<sup>1</sup> The fact sheet indicates that the data should be interpreted with the knowledge that the estimated percentages are based on standard errors larger than 20 percent due to insufficient sample size.

<sup>2</sup> The state CHIP is operated as an expansion of the state's Medicaid program; consequently, data is not available relating specifically to eligibility for a separate CHIP.

<sup>3</sup> The state indicated uses a local social service agency or a third party to provide some administrative functions for CHIP. North Carolina uses local social service agencies; Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, and Mississippi use a third party, such as a nonprofit entity, to perform certain administrative functions.