Cover All Kids 2017: An Oregon Perspective

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Good News in Oregon:

- 9% reduction in ER use by Medicaid patients by CCOs in 1 year.
- Over 840,000 Oregon children are eligible for health coverage
- Since 2009, 100,000 uninsured kids have received coverage 2

AND YET...

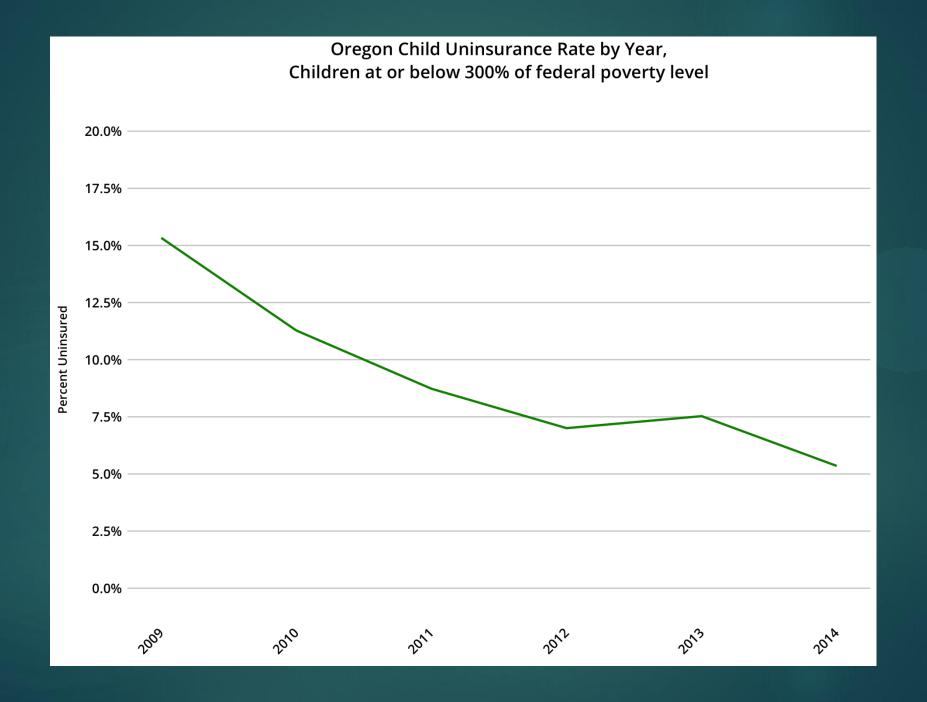
17,600 Children are Excluded from Health Insurance Coverage 3



 Only 2% of Children in Oregon are not currently eligible for

25 Years of Covering All Kids

State	Name	Year Launched
California*	Health Kids, CalKids & Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan	2015, 2001, 1992, 1998
Illinois	All Kids	2006
Massachusetts*	Children's Medical Security Program	1996s
New York	Child Health Plus	1990
Washington	Washington Apple Health for Kids	2007
District of Columbia	Immigrant Children's Program	2000





WHY DOES HEALTH COVERAGE MATTER?

Education



Children who benefitted from Medicaid eligibility expansions were:

9.7% less likely to drop out of high school

5.5% more likely to graduate from college

CHRONIC HEALTH ISSUES ARE THE #1 CAUSE OF SCHOOL ABSENCES

Kindergarten and 1st grade students with high absenteeism are unlikely to catch up with their peers' test scores by the 5th grade. Chronically absent 6th graders were more likely to be behind their peers in general achievement, math, and reading by 10th grade.

Chronically absent kids are more likely to drop out of school. Children who do not graduate have much greater health risks as adults.

Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds and Healthy Teeth



Economic Security



Better health status in childhood is associated with:

Higher Incomes Higher Wealth More Weeks Higher Income Worked Growth Rate

Returns on Investment

Increased Taxes

- Each year of Medicaid eligibility from 0-18 increased tax payments in adulthood by \$186 per person. 10
- These increases returned 1/3 of initial expansion costs by the time the child was 28. 10

Increased Productivity

- Earnings difference between healthy and unhealthy siblings can be as high as 24%. 11
- Providing health insurance to low-income children increases consumer spending per family on average by \$800.11

Health & Wellness



Children with access to Medicaid showed:

26% decline in high blood pressure as adults 12

- ▶ In NY, an over 50% decline in asthma treatments in the ER 13
- Healthier adolescents with lower rates of eating disorders, drinking and mortality 12
- Fewer ER visits and hospitalizations as adults 12

Cover All Kids in 2017

All Children Deserve to get the right care at the right time in the right setting.

Oregon's future depends on the Health, Economic Security, and Education of its children.

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