

HB 151: Multi-Year Continuous Medicaid Eligibility for Children 0-6

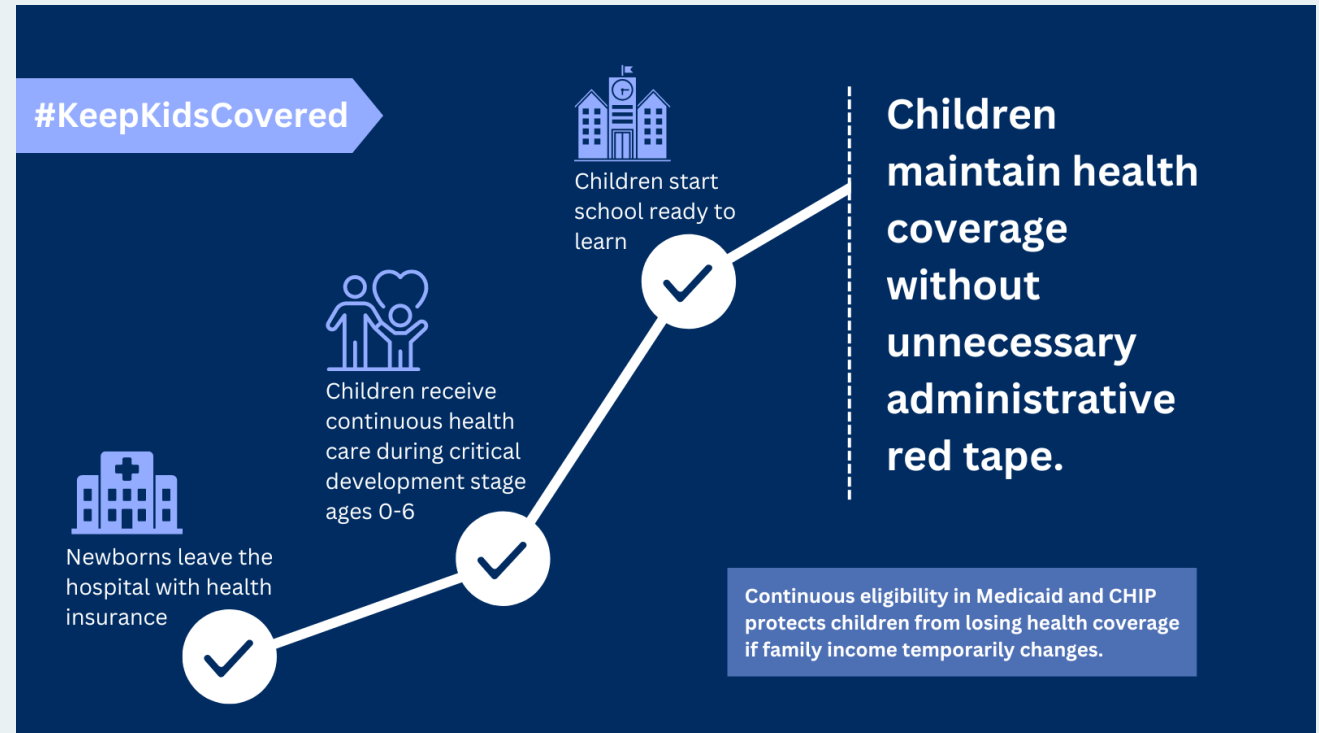
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What Does HB 151 Do?

- Changes Alaska statute to allow for multi-year continuous Medicaid eligibility for children under 6.
- It directs the Department of Health to seek necessary federal approvals to implement these changes.
- A child will remain covered until they turn six eliminating re-evaluation.



How 12 Months of Continuous Eligibility has Helped Families

- Uninterrupted Access to Healthcare
- Prevents Delays in Care
- Reduces Financial Stress
- Improved Health Outcomes

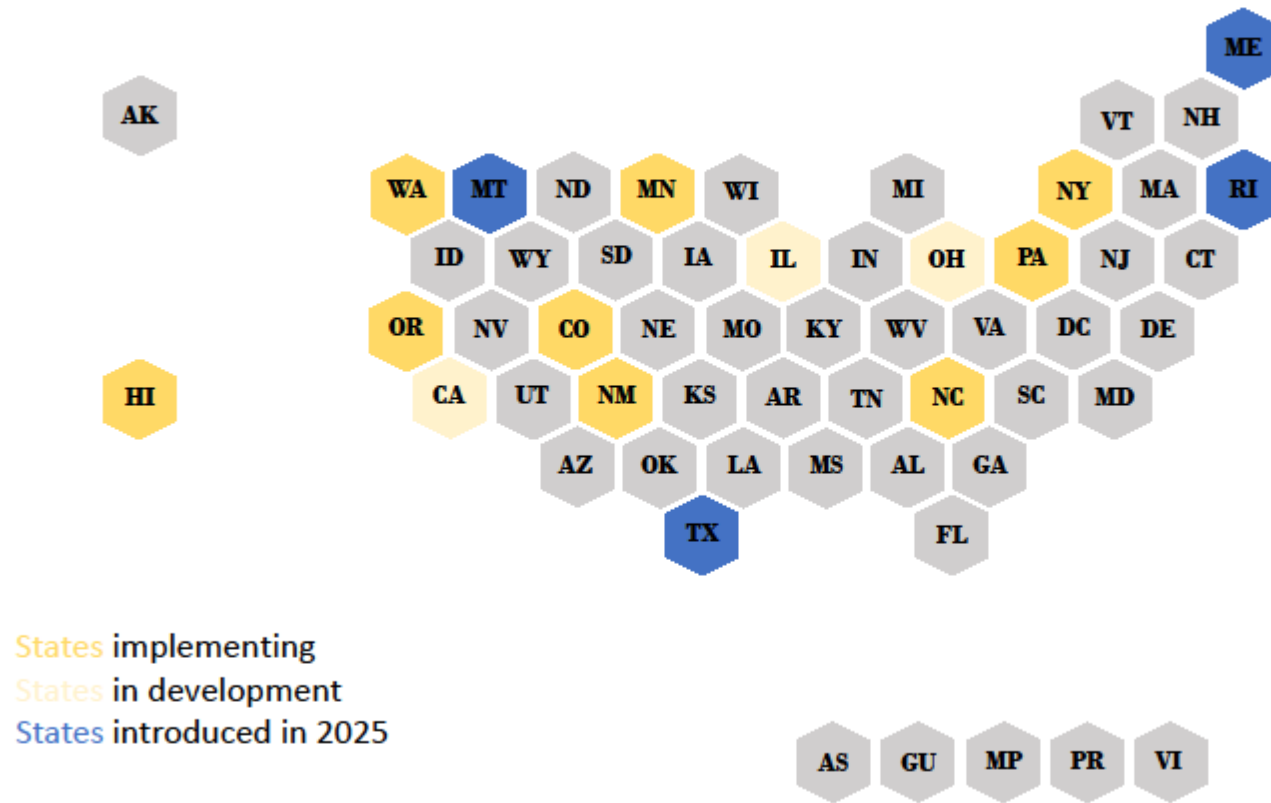
By providing continuous Medicaid coverage, this policy helps parents focus on their child's well-being instead of navigating complex and time-consuming bureaucratic processes.

State Legislation on Multi-Year Continuous Eligibility for Children Introduced in 2025

- **Montana** [HB 185](#) (Introduced) directs the department to apply for necessary waivers or state plan amendments to allow for 3 years of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 6 years old.
- **Rhode Island** [HB 5205](#) (Pending) / [SB 254](#) (Pending) directs the executive office to seek any necessary amendments to Rhode Island's Section 1115 waiver to implement continuous eligibility for individuals up to age 3.
- **Texas** [HB 1539](#) (Introduced) directs the commissioner to seek a Section 1115 waiver to provide continuous eligibility for Medicaid-eligible children five years old or younger, regardless of changes in the child's resources or household income.
- **Maine** [SB 896](#) Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 5. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to [Joint Rule 308.2](#) and ordered printed.

Continuous Eligibility In Other States

Development, Implementation, and the Introduction of Multi-Year Continuous Eligibility (CE) for Children



Benefits of 0-6 Medicaid Eligibility

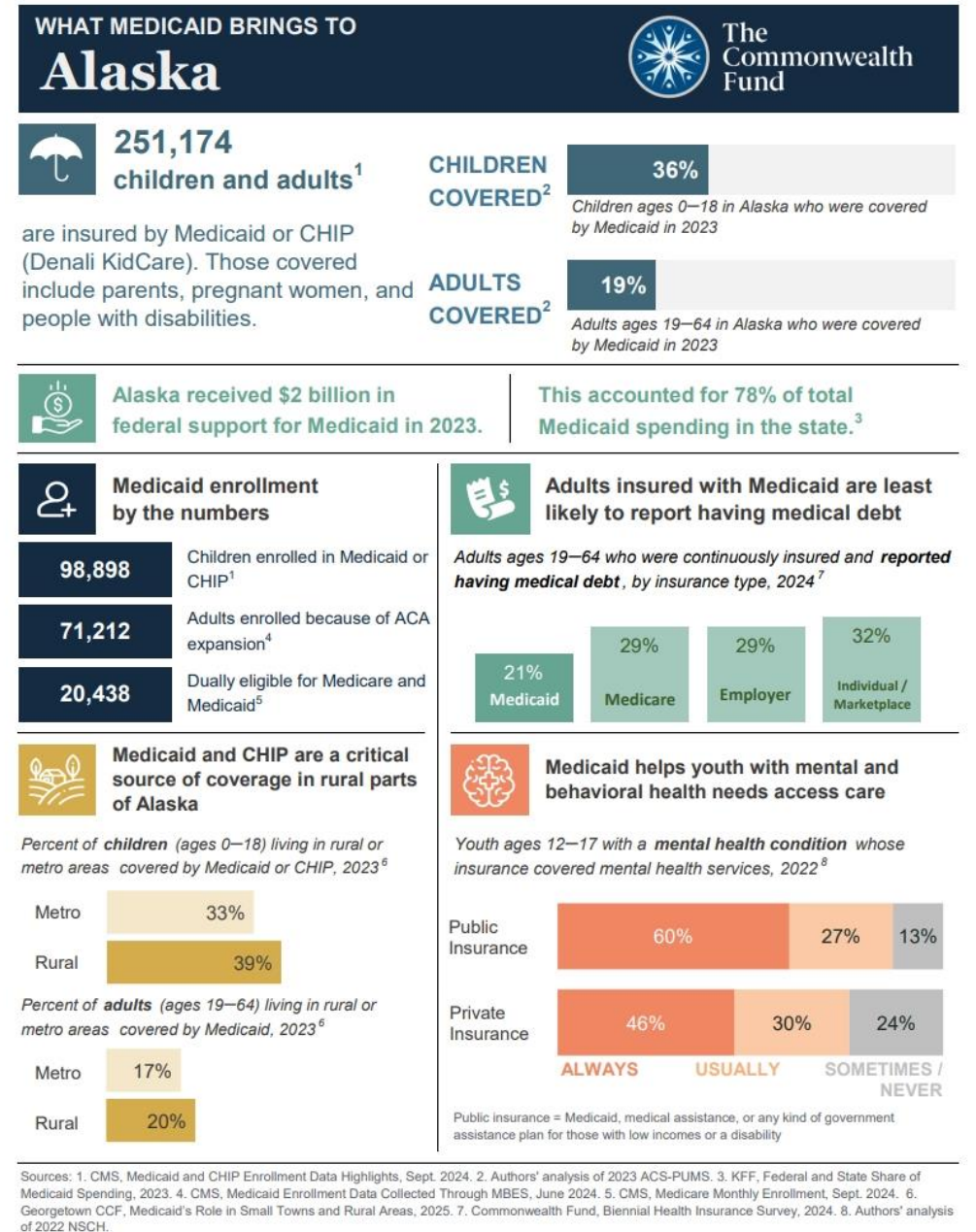
- Ensuring Health and Security for Families
- Improved Healthcare Access for Vulnerable Populations
- Strengthening Alaskan Healthcare
- Improved School Attendance
- Financial Stability for Families

Cost Savings

Prevention is Better than Cure

➤ Administrative Savings

➤ Reduction in Medical Debt



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Thank you

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