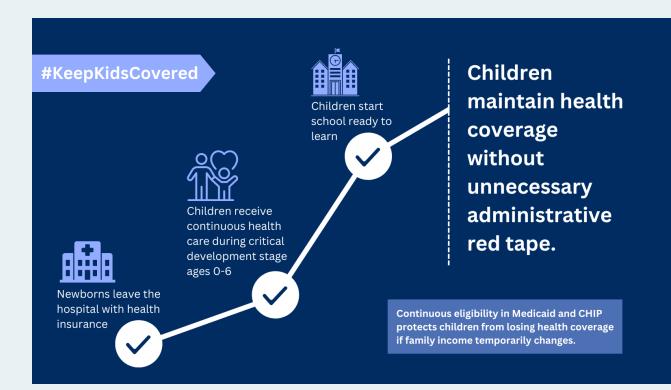
HB 151: Multi-Year Continuous Medicaid Eligibility for Children 0-6

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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

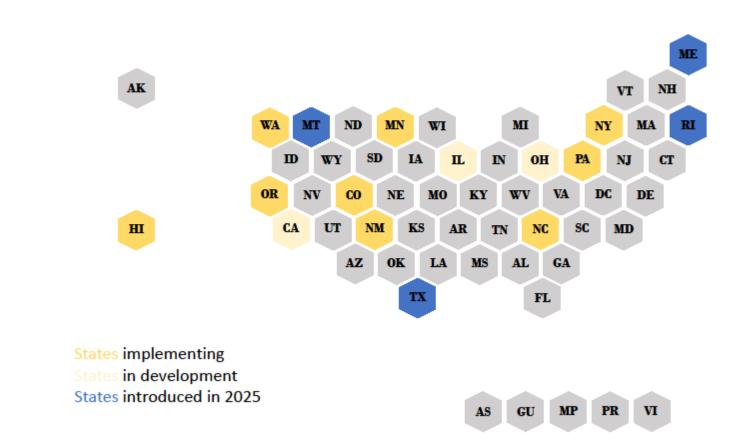
By providing continuous Medicaid coverage, this policy helps parents focus on their child's well-being instead of navigating complex and timeconsuming bureaucratic processes.

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

- Montana <u>HB 185</u> (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 <u>HB 5205</u> (Pending) / <u>SB 254</u> (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 <u>HB 1539</u> (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 <u>SB 896</u> Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 5. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to <u>Joint Rule 308.2</u> and ordered printed.

Continuous Eligibility In Other States

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



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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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Transu are insu	Children and adults		CHILDREN	5070	-18 in Alaska who	were covered
include	parent	s, pregnant women, and	ADULTS COVERED	2 Adults ages 19–4 by Medicaid in 20		were covered
Alaska received \$2 billion in federal support for Medicaid in 2				his accounted for 78% of total ledicaid spending in the state. ³		
<u>_</u>		aid enrollment numbers	E s	Adults insured likely to report		
98,8	398	Children enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP ¹		19—64 who were co dical debt , by insura		
71,2		Adults enrolled because of ACA expansion ⁴ Dually eligible for Medicare and	21%	29%	29%	32%
20,4	438	Medicaid ⁵	Medica	id Medicare	Employer	Individual / Marketplace
Medicaid and CHIP are a critical source of coverage in rural parts of Alaska			Medicaid helps y behavioral healt			
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Metro		33%	Public Insurance	60%		27% 13%
		39%				
Rural		Percent of adults (ages 19–64) living in rural or metro areas covered by Medicaid, 2023 ⁶		46%	30%	24%
Percent of			Insurance			2470
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