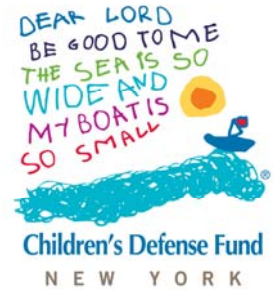


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In 2014, every state will have a health insurance exchange, a marketplace for individuals and small businesses to purchase health insurance.

Public insurance

There will be several changes to public health insurance programs including the expansion of Medicaid, maintenance of Child Health Plus, and the possibility of a Basic Health Plan.

Private insurance

Private health plans will have to maintain a number of standards, such as providing preventive care at no extra cost to patients. The government will offer tax credits and cost-sharing subsidies for those purchasing health insurance on the private market.

Coverage for young adults

As of September 23, 2010, young adults up to age 26 may stay on or join their parents' health insurance plan.

Coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions

The New York Bridge Plan is currently available in New York State for individuals with pre-existing conditions who have been uninsured for at least six months.

Medically fragile children

Health reform will impact medically fragile children's access to insurance and care.

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Information about access to health insurance and health care for immigrants.

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Breakdown of insurance availability and subsidies available to people of different incomes.

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Health Reform: What it Means for NY's Children and Families

Glossary

A list of health reform and other health-related terms you will find throughout the toolkit.

Resources

A list of websites with more information on a variety of health care reform topics.