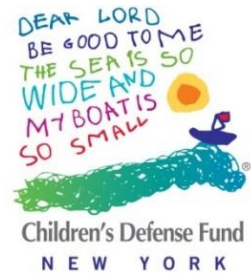


Children's Defense Fund - NY

Keep Kids Covered

The Children's Defense Fund Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. CDF provides a strong, effective and independent voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby or speak for themselves. We pay particular attention to the needs of poor children, children of color and those with disabilities. CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investments before they get sick, drop out of school, get into trouble or suffer family breakdown.



Congress is trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA/Obamacare), and cut Medicaid and other healthcare programs for kids.

Currently, more than 97% of New York children have healthcare coverage because of the ACA, Medicaid, and other programs for children.

New York State could lose at least \$3.7 billion from the federal government if these changes happen.

- Less money for New York State means cuts to insurance plans and Medicaid
 - Employers may stop offering health insurance
 - Subsidies for individuals to buy health insurance may go away
 - Medicaid and Child Health Plus in New York may not have enough money to cover all children currently covered

- Less money for New York State means insurance benefits will get worse
 - Risk losing coverage for prenatal, maternity, and newborn care
 - Risk losing prescription drug coverage
 - Possible cuts to dental and vision coverage for kids
 - Folks may have to pay more for visits to the doctor and hospital—which can really add up if they have chronic conditions like asthma and diabetes

Opportunities for Action:

- **Co-host a town hall forum with CDF-NY**
 - CDF-NY will provide a Healthcare 101 overview on the latest happenings in Congress
 - What are plans for repealing Obamacare?
 - What will happen to Medicaid?
 - How might this impact me?
 - Q&A

- **Share stories with CDF-NY's story bank:**
<https://t.co/INXNLt8fhI>
 - How can I save my family's healthcare?
 - Discuss importance of telling your story
 - Discuss strategies to share stories
 - Get examples of effective stories
 - Identify opportunities to share stories

- **Connect regarding phone call and email drives to reach members of Congress.**

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