



Cover All Kids

An Act to Ensure Equitable Health Coverage for Children (H.1237/S.740)

What does this bill do?

The Cover All Kids bill would remove immigration status as a barrier to full MassHealth coverage for children and young adults who live in Massachusetts.

Why is this bill needed in Massachusetts?

- Tens of thousands of children and young adults in Massachusetts cannot get the health care they need because of their immigration status.
- For example, there are limits on mental health visits, dental care, and medications. Eyeglasses, autism therapy, hearing aids, wheelchairs, home nursing care and many other services are not covered at all.



Why is health coverage important for kids?



Gaps in health care benefits can make children's health worse. Families may end up needing to use more expensive care through emergency departments or longer hospital stays.



Problems getting health care for children can impact the health of the whole family, especially for immigrant families who already have trouble finding care that meets their language and cultural needs.



Access to health care improves all aspects of a child's life. It helps them do better in school and take part in activities with family and friends. It even affects their health and job opportunities as an adult.

Twelve other states have already passed similar laws.
Help us pass the Cover All Kids bill in Massachusetts!

Get Involved

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