THE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

Senator Alexander and Senator Murray have reached a bipartisan agreement to fund cost-sharing subsidies for 2 years. Other details aren't clear at the moment but we look forward to learning more about their proposal. We appreciate the HELP Committee, including Chairman Alexander, for their bipartisan work to improve the individual marketplace.

Unfortunately, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) has still not been reauthorized. There are bills that would renew the program funding for 5 years in both chambers of Congress, but there is still a lot of work to do. In the meantime, CMS has given 5 states stopgap funding to help keep their CHIP programs running and many more states will soon exhaust funding.

Open enrollment is Nov. 1-Dec. 15! With a shortened enrollment period and massive cuts to outreach and enrollment assistance funding, spreading the word is even more important. Almost 16,000 children in Tennessee signed up for coverage during the last open enrollment
ICYMI

- **Our Student Ambassador Program deadline has been extended to November 30!** This program is open to students across the state. Everything will be digital except one in-person event in Nashville. Students can apply themselves or community members can nominate students. [Here is the flyer to share.](#)

- [Share](#) our open enrollment graphic or make your own!

![Open Enrollment Flyer](image)

- [Georgetown CCF](#) released estimates of 2016 CHIP enrollment by congressional district.

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- [The last volume of the Children's Champion](#)
Kaiser Family Foundation has released a thorough comparison of what exactly is in the Senate and House versions of the CHIP bills.

Georgetown Center for Children and Families and the American Academy of Pediatrics state-specific CHIP snapshots.

LOOKING FORWARD

Federal level:

- On October 12, President Trump announced that he would stop paying cost-sharing subsidies, which could have catastrophic effects on access to affordable coverage in future years.
- Also on October 12, President Trump issued an Executive Order that gives guidance on how the administration should regulate health insurance. Read our blog for more information on these announcements.

State level:

- The TennCare Preferred Drug List and Covered Over-The-Counter List were updated effective October 15. The revisions include exclusion of many name-brand OTC drugs, but most generic OTC drugs should be covered for children. OTC drugs are not covered for adults.

If you know of anyone - practitioner or patient - who is having issues getting the appropriate over-the-counter medicines for a child through prescription, please let us know.

JOIN US
Upcoming projects and events:

**TJC's Hall of Fame Gala - Thursday, October 26 at the Sheraton Grand in Downtown Nashville.** 5:30 cocktails, followed by dinner. For more information and to reserve tickets, visit: [https://www.tnjustice.org/2017-hall-of-fame/](https://www.tnjustice.org/2017-hall-of-fame/).

If there is any information you would like us to share on your behalf, including events and resources, please reply to this email.

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