



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

period.

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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!



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

CHIP Enrollment by Congressional District, 2016	
Congressional District 1	13,080
Congressional District 2	9,716
Congressional District 3	9,793
Congressional District 4	10,889
Congressional District 5	12,148
Congressional District 6	11,583
Congressional District 7	10,127
Congressional District 8	9,744
Congressional District 9	18,910

- [The last volume of the Children's Champion.](#)

THE MORE YOU KNOW



- 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.

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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/>.

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

Sincerely,

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