



## THE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

Federal health care reform is still alive. However, there have been many doubts about Congress' current efforts. We want Congress to pump the breaks, to really consider the CBO score, to hold hearings, to debate, to not rush on such a consequential bill.

Today we are sharing with you our shareable graphics, more information on the BCRA's impact on children with disabilities, latest federal updates, and several ways to get involved.

We know you are so busy, but please consider:

- 1) Sharing this newsletter!
- 2) Signing and distributing our [children's health sign-on letter](#). Deadline Tuesday 7/18 at midnight.
- 3) Joining our coalition (see "Join Us" section below).

As always, the goal is to keep sharing information and engaging those that care about children to rally around our common goals - quality, affordable care for every child in Tennessee.

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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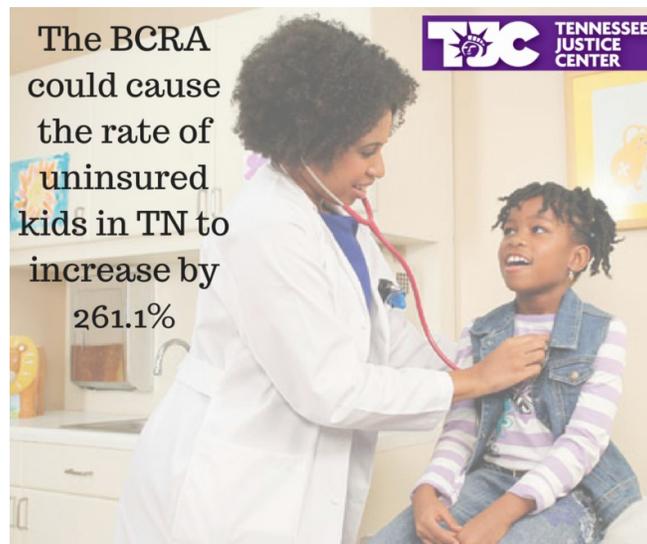
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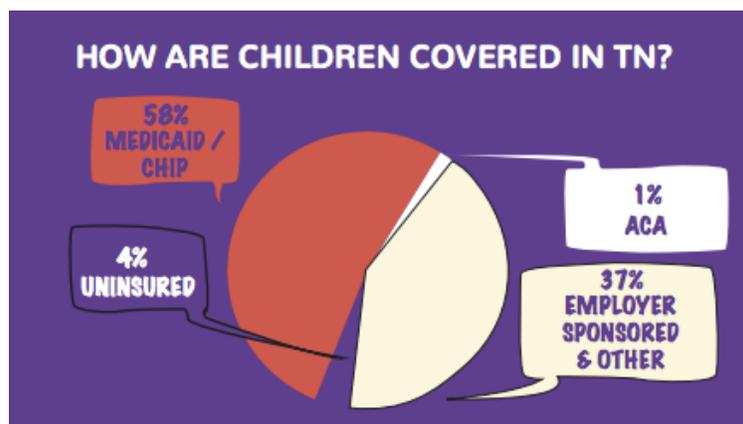
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## ICYMI (IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...)

- We are constantly collecting the most illuminating and inspiring stories from our clients and community. Please read and share.
  - [13-year-old girl who helps care for her paralyzed mother](#)
  - [Father: my kids deserve coverage](#)
  - [Mother with Marketplace plan grateful for emergency care for her kids](#)
- There was a [powerful op-ed in the Tennessean](#) on July 13 from a mother of a child living with cystic fibrosis.
- [Profile of our work in the Tennessean](#)
- [Last volume of the Children's Champion](#)
- Children's facts on Facebook - share or repost away!
  - [Senate Bill is Not Nice to Children and Families](#)
  - [Medically Complex Kids Need to be Protected](#)



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## THE MORE YOU KNOW...



The [carve-out for children with special health care needs in the Better Care Reconciliation Act](#) exempts them from the Medicaid per capita cap. But new analysis from Kaiser Family Foundation shows that [only 1.2 million of the 5-6 million children with special health care needs would fall under this exemption.](#)

[Here is a flyer about TennCare redeterminations. Please distribute as widely as you can.](#)

## LOOKING FORWARD



On July 13, [the Senate released a revised version of the Better Care Reconciliation Act \(BCRA\)](#), their answer to the House-passed American Health Care Act (AHCA). [Here is the New York Times analysis of the new version.](#)

Before a final vote, they must get a CBO score. It is expected on Monday, July 17.

Keep up-to-date on federal happenings by [checking our blog](#).

## JOIN US



Would you like to get the latest news and developments in the healthcare fight? Do you need straightforward analysis of how federal and state legislation impacts your work at the local level? Would your organization benefit from collaborating with other organizations that are working towards similar goals to improve access to healthcare for all Tennesseans, including children?

If so, then the Great State Project is for you! GSP is a collective of organizations that are united to share information and resources and influence sound healthcare policy.

To learn more, please plan to attend the next GSP meeting on  
**August 7, 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

If you're interested, please email Anna Walton ([awalton@tnjustice.org](mailto:awalton@tnjustice.org)) for details.

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