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## An Overview of Children’s Health Coverage Through Medicaid and CHIP

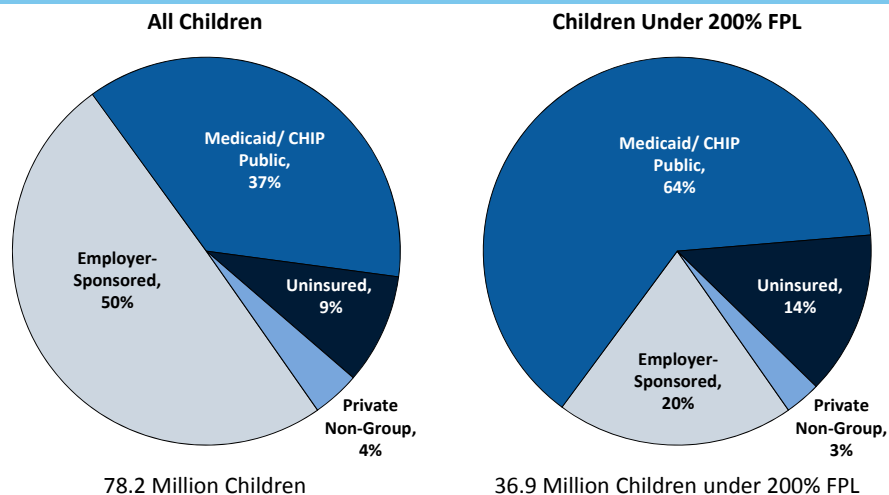
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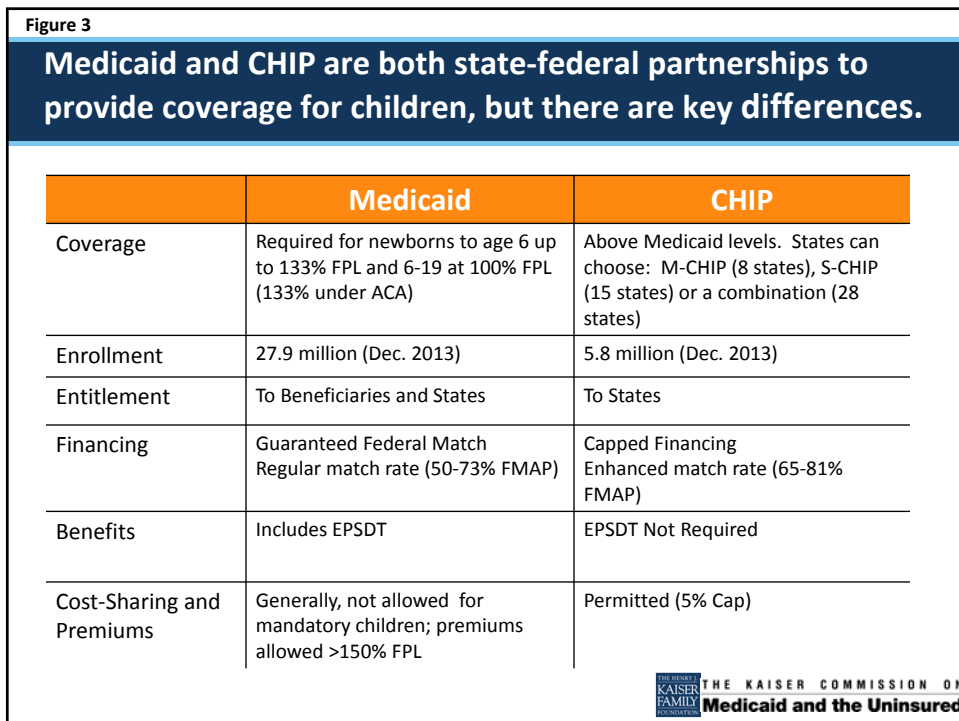
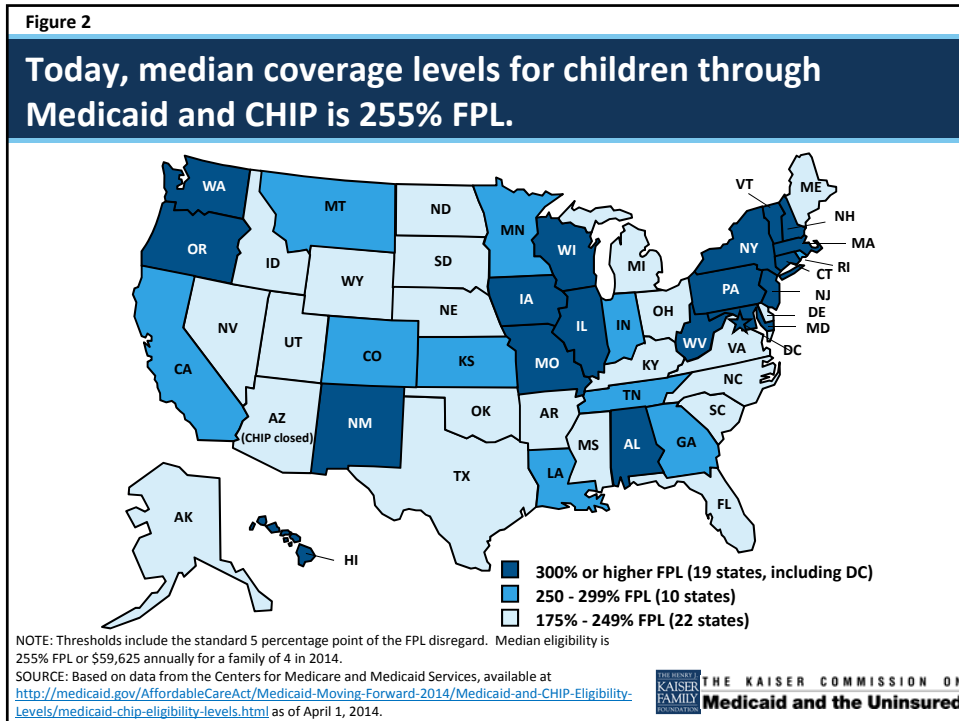
**Medicaid and CHIP cover more than 1 in 3 children and almost 2 out of 3 low-income children.**

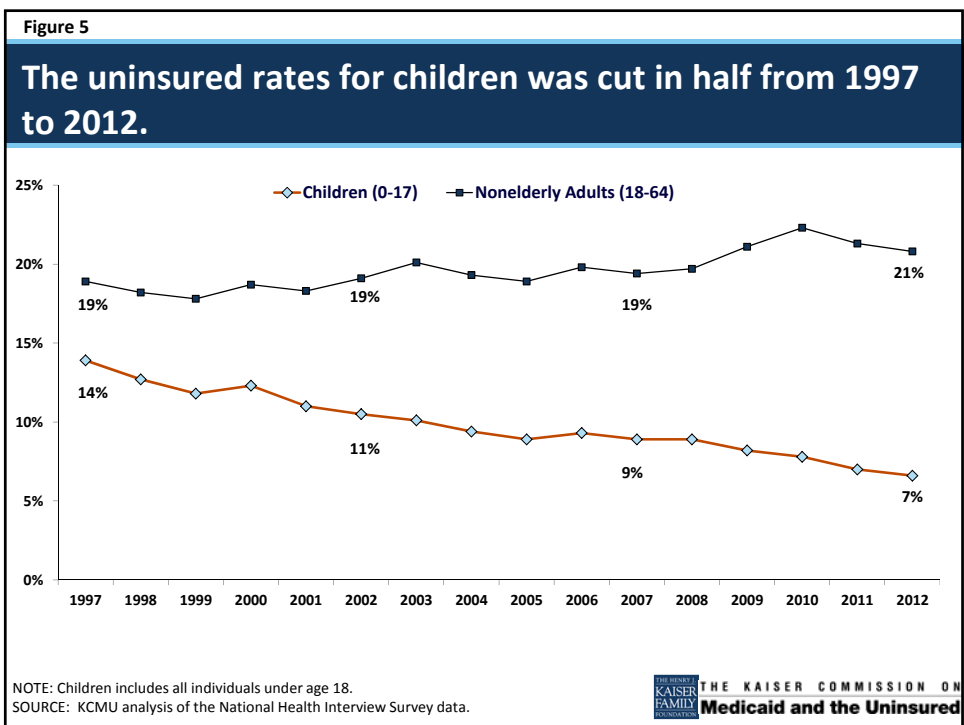
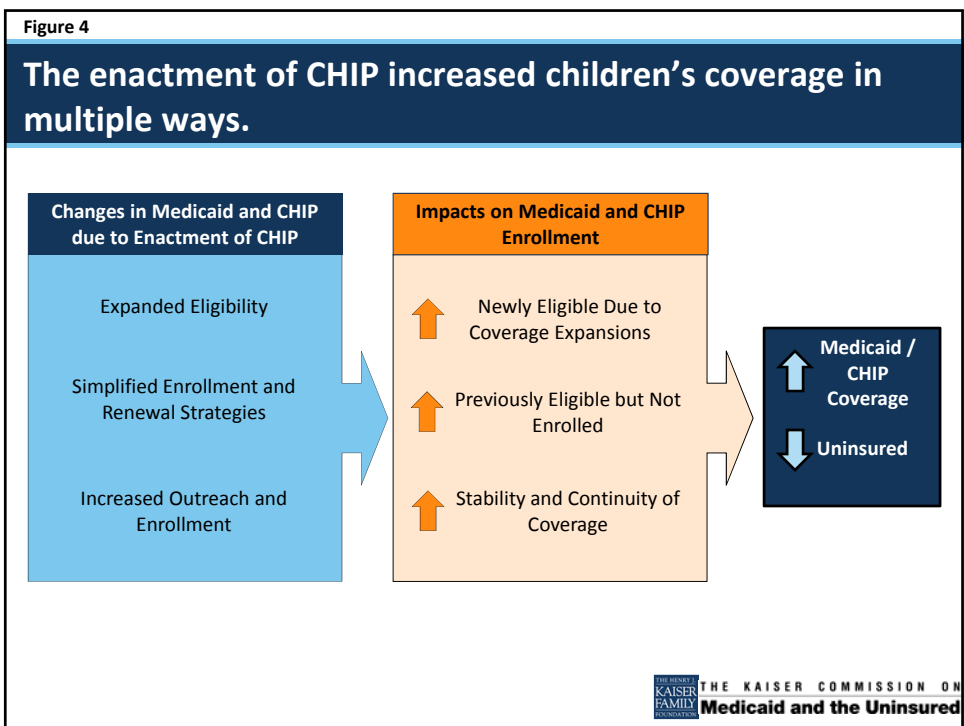


Medicaid and other public coverage includes: CHIP, other state programs, Medicare and military related coverage. The federal poverty level for a family of four in 2012 was \$23,050. "Children" includes all individuals 18 years old or younger.  
SOURCE: KCMU/Urban Institute analysis of the 2013 ASEC supplement to the CPS.



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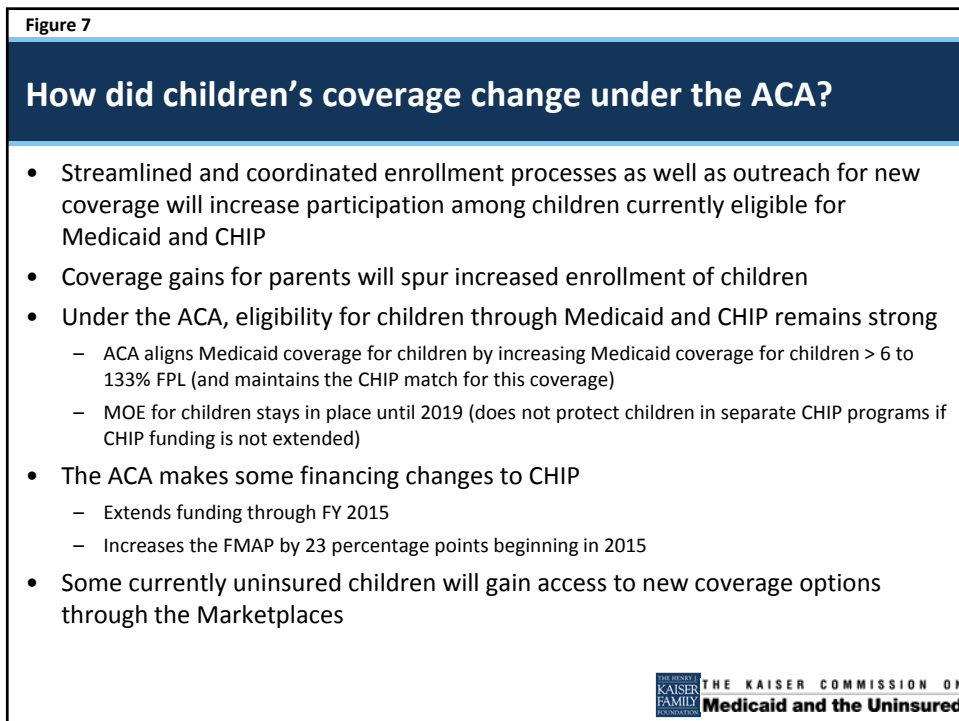
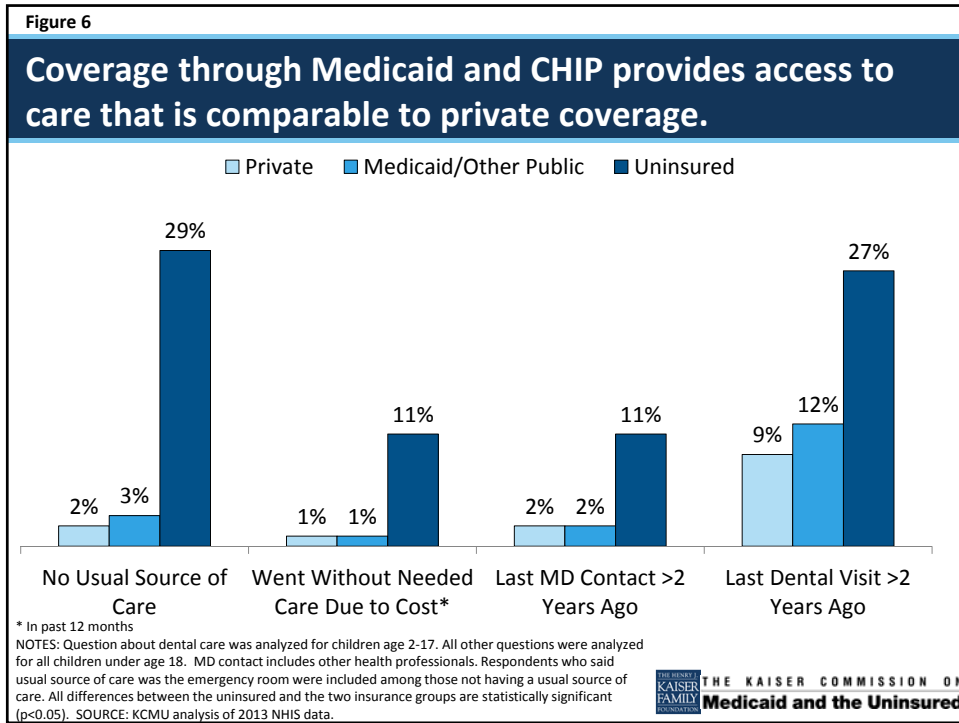


Figure 8

## What are key questions about CHIP looking forward?

- Will Congress consider legislation to extend CHIP funding?
  - How long should funding be extended?
  - How much will it cost?
- If CHIP funding is not extended, how many current CHIP enrollees would not be eligible for other coverage? How many uninsured?
- How does CHIP compare to coverage in the Marketplace in terms of benefits, cost-sharing, premiums and provider networks?
- Are there changes Congress could consider to strengthen coverage for children in the Marketplaces?
- Should families (or states) be able to choose between CHIP and QHPs?
- Does the structure of CHIP work long-term with Medicaid and ACA?