

SUMMARY
S. 13: Children's Health Coverage Act
Senator Tom Daschle

- **Tax Credit:** Income-related tax credit for employer or certified plans
- **Federal Funding:** Not yet know
- **State Funding:** None; maintenance of effort of Medicaid optional kids' coverage
- **How It's Financed:** Unspecified
- **Eligibility:** Child (< 19 years, citizen or qualified alien) who is:
 - Not eligible for Medicaid, a state program, or other health coverage, and has not been covered for the previous 12 months
 - Does not have access to an employer-sponsored plan with a contribution of greater than 80 percent for kids below 200 percent of poverty or 50 percent for kids 200 - 300 percent of poverty.
 - Phased in beginning with 14 year olds in 1998
- **Assistance Amount:** Kids below 200 percent of poverty: 90 percent of the premium amount (determined by Secretary in consultation with others; note: Gephardt is apparently not standardizing the amount)
 - Kids between 200 - 300 percent of poverty: 90 to 10 percent of premium amount (phased down in 25 percent increments)
 - Kids between 300 percent of poverty and \$75,000: 10 percent of premium amount (Gephardt is taking out the upper limit).
 - Families must reapply every 6 months.
- **Benefits:** Primary, preventive and acute care, defined by Secretary
- **Health Plans:** Either employer-sponsored plans or "certified" plans that meet a set of criteria relating to benefits, community-rating, etc. Health insurers that offer more than one plan and contract with the Federal government must offer a certified plan. Certified plans must accept all children, not just those eligible for subsidies.

Note: Also includes a plan for pregnant women, not described here.

Co-sponsors: Mikulski, Kennedy, Breaux, Dodd, Murray, Inouye, Johnson, Moseley-Braun, Rockefeller, Durbin, Kerry, Glenn, Lautenberg