

**THE PRESIDENT'S FY 1998 BUDGET:
CHILDREN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
Coverage and Costs**

700,000	WORKERS
1m	GRANT
400,000	GRANT MEDICAD
1.2m	OUTREACH
1m	Cont. Elig
1m	14-18

Children Losing Employer-Based Insurance

- **Workers Between Jobs.** The President proposes to help children whose parents lose their health insurance when they lose their job. The budget provides States with funds to help temporarily unemployed and uninsured workers pay for continuing health insurance.

The total cost of this initiative (including coverage for adults) is an estimated \$9.8 billion between 1998 and 2002

Coverage: + 700,000 kids covered in 2000

Children Above Medicaid Eligibility

- **State Partnership Grants.** The President's plan gives States \$3.75 billion over the next five years to develop innovative programs to insure children

Coverage: + 1 million kids covered in 2000

Medicaid-Eligible Children

- **Medicaid Continuous Eligibility.** States will have the option of providing 12 months of continuous Medicaid coverage to any child who becomes eligible for coverage during the year. OMB estimates that this will cost \$3.6 billion between 1998 and 2002.

Coverage: + 1 million kids in 2000

- **Medicaid Outreach.** The Federal government will work with States to reach some of the estimated 3 million children who are currently eligible for Medicaid but are not enrolled. (This is not a legislative initiative so there is no money in the budget for this effort).

In addition, it is expected that outreach for the State Partnership Grants will also serve to identify more kids as being eligible for the Medicaid program. OMB estimates that the indirect cost to Medicaid for Medicaid-eligible children identified through the State Partnership Grants is \$1.1 billion between 1998 and 2002.

Coverage: +1.6 million kids in 2000, including the 400,000 (associated with the \$1.1 billion cost) identified through the State Partnership Grants

- **Scheduled Phase-In of Low-Income Adolescents.** Under current law, Medicaid will continue the scheduled phase-in of adolescents in families below the Federal poverty line.

Coverage: +1 million kids in 2000