



Make the Children's Medical Security Plan Really Work for Kids

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An Act Improving the Children's Medical Security Plan & Simplifying the Administration Process

Lead Sponsors: Representative Malia and Senator DiDomenico

The Issue:

Children who do not have access to private insurance through their parents and who are ineligible for other public programs can get coverage through the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP). Unfortunately, coverage under CMSP is limited by strict caps on services – caps that are inadequate to address the health needs of young people.

The current CMSP benefit package is very limited and insufficient to keep kids healthy.

- \$200 annual cap on prescription drugs.
- \$200 annual cap on durable medical equipment.
- \$1,000 annual cap on emergency medical care.
- A 13 visit annual cap on outpatient mental health services.
- No coverage for hearing aids or eyeglasses.

An Act Improving the Children's Medical Security Plan and Simplifying the Administration Process, gives the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) the flexibility to design a program that actually addresses the health needs of children by eliminating service caps, while remaining within the Legislature's funding appropriation.

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