



Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval

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SANDOVAL URGES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT CHIP FUNDING, SECURES REDISTRIBUTED FUNDING THROUGH JANUARY

CARSON CITY, NV – Governor Brian Sandoval sent the attached letter to each member of Nevada’s federal delegation strongly urging them to support and re-authorize the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Additionally, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services today announced it has received approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on its request for redistribution funding for December and tentative approval for January. Redistribution funding is money that had previously been unspent by states and is available to redistribute to other states who request it and demonstrate need. It is a limited amount of funding and shrinking rapidly as every state is experiencing shortfalls with the lapse of CHIP authorization. Without redistribution funds, Nevada would be without federal funding on December 15th.

“More than 40,000 children in Nevada depend on CHIP for medical insurance to meet their individual healthcare needs. This includes children who are currently receiving treatment for serious medical conditions which will be jeopardized without Congressional action,” said Governor Brian Sandoval. “Health insurance and access to care has a proven track record of helping Nevada children live healthier and happier lives. The State made the request for federal redistribution funds in order to protect kids and families in the short term and I am grateful that CMS approved this appropriation, however the State needs a permanent fix. Any further delay in re-authorization will likely disrupt and potentially harm other vulnerable populations if the State is forced to begin paying for a service that has not been accounted for in our biennial budget.”

The CHIP funding allocation pays for health services for 27,515 children on Nevada Check Up and 13,076 children on Medicaid, for a total of 40,591 children.

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