

## The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009

### **Washington State Fact Sheet**

- At least **5,700 new Washington State Children** will be covered under CHIP reauthorization.
- Washington state will receive **\$94 million in total funding**. The bill provides an overall national increase in funding of \$31.5 billion.
- This bill will allow Washington state to **expand coverage** to up to 300% of the federal poverty level in 2009.
- This bill will allow the state to **increase outreach** which will allow the state to find children who have fallen through the cracks and are currently uninsured.
- This bill will allow Washington state to **utilize the full amount of funding it is allotted**. In 1994, Washington state expanded Medicaid to cover children up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), three years ahead of the CHIP enactment. As a result, Washington has never been able to access their full CHIP allotment. In fact, due to the significantly lower Medicaid match, Washington state has been penalized for their efforts. This reauthorization will allow Washington to use previously unspent portions of our allotment to recruit more children to CHIP, and improve the overall health of low-income children in our state.