



Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (*hawk-i*)

Public Affairs Contact: Roger Munns (515) 281-4848 E-mail rmunns@dhs.state.ia.us

Purpose

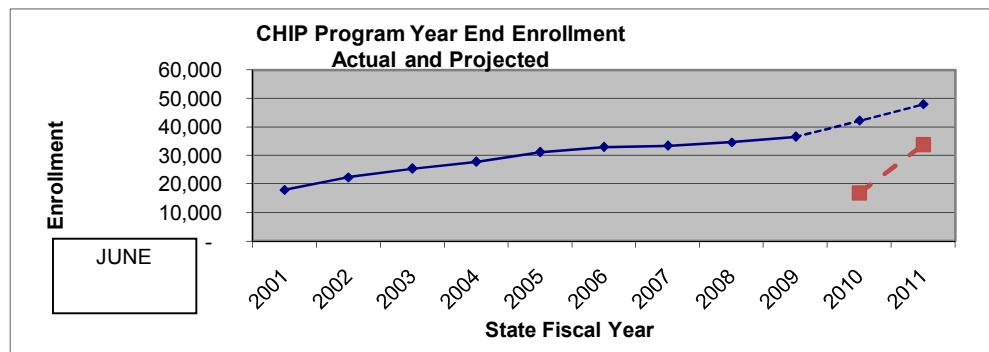
CHIP and Medicaid are Iowa's programs to provide health and dental insurance to children in low- and moderate-income families. The CHIP program, aimed at children who are not eligible for regular Medicaid, includes **both** a Medicaid expansion and a separate program called Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa, or **hawk-i**. A dental-only program will be added in January 2010.

Who

- Medicaid expansion provides coverage to children ages 6-18 whose family income is between 100 percent and 133 percent of the federal poverty limit (FPL), and infants whose family income is between 185 percent and 300 percent of the FPL. As of June 30, 2009, 15,039 Iowa children were covered in the expansion program.
- **Hawk-i** provides health and dental coverage to children under 19 years old, in families whose countable income is less than 300 percent of FPL, or \$54,930 for a family of three. There were 21,444 children enrolled in **hawk-i** as of June 30, 2009.
- In January 2010, **hawk-i** will add a supplemental dental-only program for children in households that meet income eligibility but whose health insurance does not include dental care. About 16,800 children are projected to be enrolled within six months.

What

- CHIP coverage includes physician services, hospitalization, prescription drugs and more.
- Medicaid expansion coverage is provided through Medicaid. **hawk-i** health and dental coverage is provided through contracts with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa, AmeriChoice (United Healthcare Plan of the River Valley), and Delta Dental.
- Families with income between 150 and 300 percent of FPL pay a premium for **hawk-i** health and dental or supplemental dental-only coverage. Maximum premium is \$40/month.



hawk-i and Medicaid Expansion Health & Dental ■
Supplemental Dental-Only (Projected) ◆

How are We Doing?

- The department exceeded its enrollment goal for SFY 2009 by more than 6,800 children, with a total of 27,838 additional children enrolled in either CHIP or Medicaid.
- Families can apply for or renew their **hawk-i** coverage online at <http://www.hawk-i.org/>
- Iowa consistently ranks among the top states in percent of children with health insurance.
- Significant growth is projected in SFY2010 and 2011 because eligibility was expanded to 300 percent of FPL (from 200 percent), and because of the supplemental dental program.