

# Insure Every Child

## A SMART INVESTMENT FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S KIDS

### THE PROBLEM

- 147,000 children in Pennsylvania lack health insurance, ranking Pennsylvania 5th in the nation for underinsured children.
- Rural counties have the highest uninsured rates.
- Hospitals face \$772 million in uncompensated care costs, with \$386 million from uninsured children.
- 86,000 children lost Medicaid since April 2023 due to procedural disenrollments.

### WHY IT MATTERS

- Saves hospitals \$724 million in uncompensated care costs, decreasing the likelihood of more hospital closures.
- Improves education, workforce & economic outcomes, generating \$1.65M annually in new tax revenue.

### THE SOLUTION

- Fast-Track Enrollment Through WIC – Auto-enroll eligible WIC families in Medicaid/CHIP.
- Strengthen Child Locators – Ensure Pennie helps identify and enroll uninsured children.
- Ensure Coverage for All – Remove administrative barriers to enrollment.
- Codify Continuous Medicaid Eligibility 0–6 – Prevent children from losing coverage before age six.

### OUR ASK

- Co-sponsor legislation to Insure Every Child to expand coverage for all children and invest in Pennsylvania's future.

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