



S.B. 158 Children’s Health Coverage Amendments

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Utah Children’s Health Insurance Facts

- An estimated 82,000 Utah children were uninsured last year—a 39% increase from 2016.
- We rank **46th out of 50** states in the highest number of uninsured kids.
- Utah has the highest rate of uninsured Latino or Hispanic children in the nation.

Why Health Insurance Matters for Utah Kids and Families

- **Better Short-and-Long-Term Outcomes for Kids:** Research shows that when children have uninterrupted access to health care, they perform better in school, are more likely to participate in the workforce as adults, and less likely to have high-cost chronic conditions that go untreated. Making sure all Utah kids have health insurance pays off in the long run.
- Research shows that children’s health insurance **improves economic security** for families, creating fewer financial stressors and greater overall family stability and mobility.
- When one child is uninsured, **it impacts the well-being of the entire family**, making it harder for children to access consistent, affordable coverage.

What Does S.B. 158 do?

- Creates a comprehensive outreach program to address social determinants of health to increase insurance enrollment of eligible children.
- Covers all children under 200% of the federal poverty level.

Supporting Organizations

- Voices for Utah Children
- Intermountain Healthcare
- The Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City
- Utah Health Insurance Association
- Utah Medical Association
- Medicaid Accountable Care Organization
- Friends of the Children - Utah
- Root for Kids
- Community Health Connect
- International Rescue Committee
- Holy Cross Ministries
- Utah Health Policy Project

Federal Poverty Guidelines 2020-2021		
Persons In Family/Household	138% (Medicaid)	200% (CHIP)
1	\$17,608	\$25,520
2	\$23,791	\$34,480
3	\$29,973	\$43,440
4	\$36,156	\$52,400
5	\$42,338	\$61,360
6	\$48,520	\$70,320
7	\$54,703	\$79,280
8	\$60,886	\$88,240

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