



## MORE THAN 940,000 CHILDREN WOULD LOSE HEALTH COVERAGE IF THE HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM WERE ELIMINATED

On May 26, Governor Schwarzenegger proposed eliminating the Healthy Families Program, which provides health, dental, and vision services to children with family incomes too high to qualify for the Medi-Cal Program. Previously, the Governor proposed to reduce the income limit for Healthy Families to 200 percent of the federal poverty line from the current limit of 250 percent of the poverty line. If Healthy Families were eliminated, 942,000 California children who would otherwise have been covered as of June 30, 2010 – the end of the 2009-10 fiscal year – would not be covered, according to the most recent state estimate available, which likely understates the number of children affected. New estimates released by the Governor on May 29 show that eliminating the program as of August 1, 2009 would reduce General Fund spending by \$366 million in 2009-10, but California also would lose approximately \$680 million in federal matching funds.

Estimated Impact of Eliminating the Healthy Families Program					
County	Number of Children Who Would Lose Health Coverage	Lost State and Federal Funds	County	Number of Children Who Would Lose Health Coverage	Lost State and Federal Funds
Alameda	21,140	\$23,476,000	Orange	89,290	\$99,145,000
Alpine	2	\$2,000	Placer	4,890	\$5,432,000
Amador	430	\$476,000	Plumas	310	\$345,000
Butte	3,990	\$4,425,000	Riverside	79,830	\$88,645,000
Calaveras	730	\$813,000	Sacramento	28,670	\$31,836,000
Colusa	1,580	\$1,752,000	San Benito	1,940	\$2,152,000
Contra Costa	13,200	\$14,655,000	San Bernardino	69,680	\$77,377,000
Del Norte	580	\$643,000	San Diego	78,830	\$87,538,000
El Dorado	3,110	\$3,459,000	San Francisco	12,190	\$13,541,000
Fresno	23,330	\$25,906,000	San Joaquin	21,270	\$23,618,000
Glenn	1,490	\$1,651,000	San Luis Obispo	5,490	\$6,093,000
Humboldt	3,790	\$4,209,000	San Mateo	10,730	\$11,917,000
Imperial	5,600	\$6,221,000	Santa Barbara	11,160	\$12,392,000
Inyo	320	\$353,000	Santa Clara	32,220	\$35,779,000
Kern	26,950	\$29,928,000	Santa Cruz	6,500	\$7,219,000
Kings	4,390	\$4,869,000	Shasta	4,420	\$4,912,000
Lake	1,760	\$1,956,000	Sierra	40	\$50,000
Lassen	260	\$293,000	Siskiyou	790	\$878,000
Los Angeles	241,480	\$268,141,000	Solano	5,600	\$6,224,000
Madera	4,890	\$5,432,000	Sonoma	12,740	\$14,144,000
Marin	3,080	\$3,423,000	Stanislaus	14,170	\$15,734,000
Mariposa	240	\$267,000	Sutter	3,800	\$4,214,000
Mendocino	2,520	\$2,794,000	Tehama	1,630	\$1,810,000
Merced	9,690	\$10,765,000	Trinity	280	\$311,000

County	Number of Children Who Would Lose Health Coverage	Lost State and Federal Funds	County	Number of Children Who Would Lose Health Coverage	Lost State and Federal Funds
Modoc	180	\$195,000	Tulare	14,930	\$16,573,000
Mono	470	\$520,000	Tuolumne	1,060	\$1,172,000
Monterey	20,500	\$22,765,000	Ventura	21,380	\$23,745,000
Napa	3,930	\$4,367,000	Yolo	4,050	\$4,497,000
Nevada	2,450	\$2,726,000	Yuba	2,010	\$2,228,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>942,000</b>	<b>\$1,046,000,000</b>

Note: County estimates were derived by multiplying each county's share of the three-month average statewide Healthy Families caseload for February, March, and April 2009 by the estimated June 2010 statewide caseload. A small number of Healthy Families children who were not identified by county were excluded from the analysis. The estimated loss of funds includes General Fund and federal funds. Estimates of affected recipients are rounded to the nearest 10, except for Alpine County, and estimates of loss of funds are rounded to the nearest \$1,000. Estimates may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: CBP analysis of Department of Finance and Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board data