

Legislative Analysis



SCHIP REAUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

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Senate Concurrent Resolution 5

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A SUMMARY OF SCR 5 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 5-16-07

The Senate Concurrent Resolution would memorialize Congress to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) in a timely manner, assuring federal SCHIP funding for Michigan.

In 1997 the Federal Balanced Budget Act created the new health insurance program for low-income children, authorized through Title XXI of the Social Security Act, providing federal matching funds to create SCHIP.

The State of Michigan used the SCHIP funds to expand Medicaid eligibility to non-infant children up to 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and created the MICHild program which covers Michigan children between 150% and 200% of the FPL. The SCHIP funding provides health insurance coverage to approximately 35,000 children in Michigan.

The State of Michigan also received a federal waiver to use SCHIP funds to support the Adult Benefits Waiver program, which provides health care coverage for non-disabled, childless adults whose income is less than 35% of the FPL.

Congress is currently addressing the reauthorization of SCHIP beyond fiscal year 2007, with a supplemental appropriation authorized earlier this year for states that had nearly exhausted their Title XXI funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: The State of Michigan will receive in FY 2007 approximately \$149.0 million in SCHIP (Title XXI) funding. The federal government has allowed the carry forward of unused SCHIP funding by the states, with Michigan's current balance plus FY 2007 allocation totaling under \$215.0 million. Federal SCHIP funding authorization in the FY 2008 Executive Recommendation totals \$162.5 million and is contingent on reauthorization of the federal program.

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