



Making Children a Priority

SGA Governors believe that S-CHIP resources should be focused on children first. While some states expanded their programs to cover adults, including childless adults, many Southern states have not had enough S-CHIP resources to cover their eligible children.

The Old S-CHIP Statute	The New S-CHIP Statute
Allowed for waivers that would let states cover not only parents but also childless adults.	Phases out coverage to childless adults entirely and transitions Federal payments to states for parents of targeted children to the lower Medicaid FMAP rather than the enhanced S-CHIP FMAP.