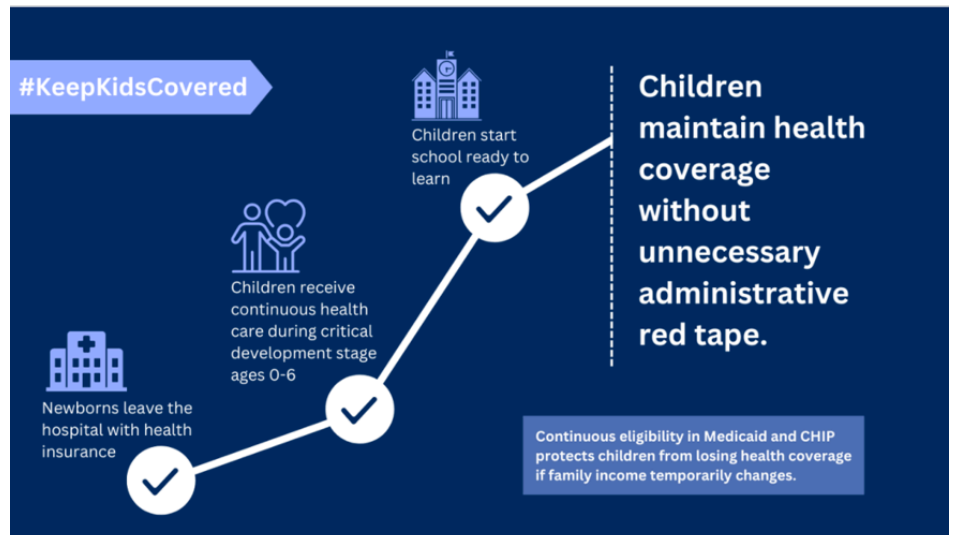


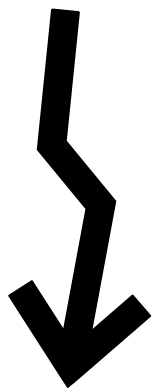
CONTINUOUS MEDICAID FOR CHILDREN 0-6

Studying the benefits for Michigan



Medicaid coverage for children offers both short and long-term benefits, and continuous coverage maximizes these outcomes:

- **Improved Health Outcomes:** From better birth weights to lower disability rates in adulthood and reduced mortality.
- **More Efficient Care:** Reduced ER utilization and better management of chronic conditions.
- **Better Educational Outcomes:** Improved kindergarten readiness, higher school attendance, and increased graduation rates.
- **Financial Stability:** Higher incomes in individuals who were Medicaid-eligible as children and remained enrolled, compared to those who were not.
- **Health Equity:** Notably positive outcomes for Black children, highlighting Medicaid as a key strategy for addressing health disparities.



Medicaid and MICHild enrollment in Michigan has fallen from **nearly 3.1 million to under 2.7 million between March 2023 and October 2024**, according to Kaiser Family Foundation.



FY '26 Executive Proposal:
\$400,000 gross (\$200,000 GF) to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for conducting a study to assess the long-term costs, benefits, and possible challenges related to the implementation of continuous eligibility for Medicaid beneficiaries birth to age 5.