



Sample Town Hall Questions about CHIP

Town Hall meetings during August recess present a great opportunity to make sure your federal policymakers are aware of the importance of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in your state and know that you expect their support for the program. Here are some questions you can ask your federal policymakers to find out more about their position on CHIP.

Questions from an advocate or parent:

- [NAME OF CHIP PROGRAM] is a valuable insurance program that covers [X] children in our state. What will you do to ensure our kids continue to benefit from this program?
- Without [NAME OF CHIP PROGRAM], [X] kids in our state would have trouble finding affordable coverage. How will you protect [NAME OF CHIP PROGRAM] over the coming months and years?
- Not only is [NAME OF CHIP PROGRAM] an important source of coverage for kids in our state, it also brings in needed federal revenue to our budget. How will you ensure that this program continues to support our kids and our economy?
- My child is enrolled in [NAME OF CHIP PROGRAM] and I want to make sure they can still get insurance. [Add brief explanation of the family's circumstances, if comfortable doing so.] How will you protect my child's [NAME OF CHIP PROGRAM] coverage?

From a provider:

- Medicaid and CHIP together, are, crucial to the financial sustainability of my practice/institution—without them, we would see many kids who lack a way to pay for care or we might not be able to see them at all. What will you do to ensure our ability to serve the children who receive coverage through these programs?

From a small business owner:

- As a small business owner, I want to do the right thing, but providing insurance for my employees is expensive, and I couldn't afford to provide insurance for their dependents, too. Medicaid and [NAME OF CHIP PROGRAM] mean that my employees can cover their kids affordably. How will you make sure they can continue to use those programs?