



## **CHIP Toolkit: Potential Sources of Data on CHIP**

### **Finding the Information You Need**

One way to support your governor in developing his or her response to the Congressional inquiry about CHIP is to provide the data requested by Congress. Educating your governor about the impact of CHIP in your state serves two complementary purposes: it allows your governor to respond to this specific request, and it also allows you an opportunity to make the case that your governor should be a champion of this program.

That said, data about CHIP can sometimes be challenging to find. As such, we have compiled the following list of suggested resources, which might be helpful as you aggregate the requested information.

**Your state Medicaid agency and/or CHIP program:** The agency that operates your state's CHIP program is an important (if unoriginal) first source for information about CHIP funding and enrollment. Your governor may have already contacted the state Medicaid director to request assistance responding to Congress.

**Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) [Report to the Congress on Medicaid and CHIP, June 2014](#):** This report includes several helpful figures, including state-by-state data on the number of children enrolled in Medicaid expansion CHIP and separate CHIP, which can sometimes be difficult to obtain, as well as the amounts of federal CHIP spending projected for each state in fiscal year 2014.

**Wakely Consulting Group [Comparison of Benefits and Cost Sharing in Children's Health Insurance Programs to Qualified Health Plans, July 2014](#):** This report offers in-depth analysis of the relative merits of CHIP plans and qualified health plans in 35 states and the District of Columbia, including assessments of benefit comprehensiveness and exposure to financial risk through cost sharing.

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [CHIPRA website](#):** In case you need a refresher on the types of outreach, enrollment, and retention enhancing measures that have become part of federal Medicaid/CHIP policy, this website provides a summary of state options to ensure as many eligible children as possible become and remain enrolled in coverage.

**Children's policy organizations:** Organizations affiliated with KIDS COUNT, Children's Defense Fund, or other child-focused policy organizations may monitor CHIP data or enrollment policies in your state. A full list of KIDS COUNT state organizations can be found [here](#).