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## \*\*CALL TO ACTION\*\*

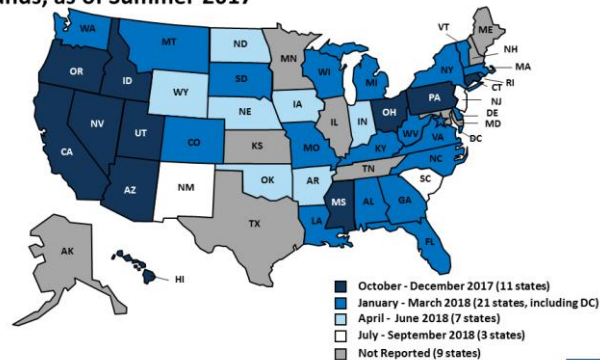
The Children's Health Insurance Program, known as CHIP, provides healthcare insurance for 8.9 million children. CHIP provides healthcare coverage to eligible children through both Medicaid and separate CHIP programs. Secretary Hillary Clinton played a significant role as First Lady to push for legislation and funding to expand healthcare coverage for the country's children. In doing so, the United States now boasts 95% of the nation's children receive healthcare coverage through this program. The CHIP program has a long history of bipartisan and community support.

CHIP is administered by the states according to federal requirements. This program is jointly funded by the federal and state governments.

**Congress failed to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program by the September 30, 2017 deadline.** While states have reserves of CHIP funds that they are drawing against currently, at least 10 states will begin to run out of funds in the next two (2) months.

Figure 2

State Projections of Dates of Exhaustion of Federal CHIP Funds, as of Summer 2017



SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation Survey of Medicaid Officials in 50 States and DC conducted by Health Management Associates, Summer 2017. Date of projected exhaustion of federal funds in West Virginia based on Kaiser Family Foundation and Georgetown Center for Children and Families interview with the state CHIP director. Projected date of exhaustion for OH was updated in October 2017 based on revised estimate from the state.

Two congressional committees are scheduled to start drafting legislation that would reauthorize CHIP this month. **It is urgent that you contact your Senators and Representatives to seek full funding of the CHIP program that is vital to the health and well-being of America's children.**

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