

## **Children's Health Insurance. Get it. Use it. Renew it.**

**CHIP and Children's Medicaid are STILL available for Texas families.**

*The Texas Legislature has made changes to the CHIP program. These changes affect all families applying for CHIP and those that are already enrolled in CHIP.*

***Be sure to open and read all mail sent to you by TexCare and your health plan!***

### **Look for these upcoming changes to CHIP**

***CHIP Coverage Changes:***

- ◆ CHIP coverage lasts for 6 months.
- ◆ Renewal packets will be sent to families after 4 months of coverage. You must renew your coverage before the end of your 6<sup>th</sup> month.
- ◆ Co-payments for some families are increasing.

***Benefits for CHIP beginning Sept 1, 2003:***

<b>Benefits Covered:</b>	<b>Benefits NOT Covered:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Doctor visits</li> <li>◆ Well-baby/well-child check-ups</li> <li>◆ Immunizations</li> <li>◆ Prescription drugs</li> <li>◆ Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital</li> <li>◆ Durable medical equipment</li> <li>◆ Physical/Speech/Occupational therapy</li> <li>◆ Emergency Services</li> <li>◆ Home Health Services</li> <li>◆ Limited mental health medication management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Dental Services</li> <li>◆ Eye Exams and Glasses</li> <li>◆ Substance Abuse Treatment Services</li> <li>◆ Most Mental Health Services</li> <li>◆ Hospice Care Services</li> <li>◆ Skilled Nursing Facility Services</li> <li>◆ Tobacco Cessation Programs</li> <li>◆ Chiropractic Services</li> </ul>

***New CHIP eligibility requirements:***

- ◆ Eligibility is based on your gross income. Deductions for childcare, elder care or child support will no longer be considered.
- ◆ The assets requirements have changed. You may be asked to provide more information on the amount of money in your bank account and the value of your vehicles.
- ◆ There is a 90-day waiting period between the time when a child is found eligible for CHIP and when that child's health insurance coverage begins (some exceptions do apply).

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