



Florida KidCare – Rapid Fire Panel

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•CMS Eligibility & Enrollment Rule – April 2024

- Eliminates “waiting periods” – 42 C.F.R. s. 457.805(b)
 - s. 409.814(5)(e), Fla. Stat. – children ineligible for subsidized KidCare for 60 days following voluntary cancellation of employer-sponsored or private health plan (with good cause exceptions)
- Eliminates “lockouts” for nonpayment of premiums – 42 C.F.R. s. 457.570(c)
 - S. 409.8132(8), Fla. Stat. – requires 30 day waiting period before reinstatement following cancellation for non-payment of premium
- Requires “seamless” transitions between Medicaid & KidCare – 42 C.F.R. s. 435.1200(b)(3)(vi), (e)(1)(i).
 - Currently, transitions from Medicaid to KidCare often are rocky and involve a temporary loss of coverage

•H.R. 1 – July 2025 - Section 71112 – Eff. Jan. 2027

- Recognizes option for retroactive coverage in separate CHIP programs up to 60 days
- KidCare does not currently provide retroactive coverage.

Good News!



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- Increase in KidCare eligibility limit from 200% to 300% FPL (HB 121 in 2023) not implemented
- AHCA blames regulation adopted by CMS in late 2024 requiring 12 months continuous coverage for children even when CHIP premiums not paid
- Impact:
 - >50,000 eligible children unable to enroll
 - Children with most medical need are most impacted
- Read the full background and status [here](#) and [here](#).

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