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Every California Child

## California Budget Deal Gambles Children's Health Away

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, our knife-wielding Governor made the cruelest and most illogical slash of all by making his own additional \$50 million cut to the Healthy Families Program. Layered on top of what were already unprecedented cuts, Healthy Families now faces a \$194 million General Fund deficit. As a result, Healthy Families will need to kick 585,000 children off of the Program, and bar another 335,000 eligible children from enrolling. All told, the health care access of 920,000 children will be seriously compromised. These cuts reverse the strides that Congress and President Obama have made in the last few months in expanding health care to children across the nation. With flu season starting up, California children are now poised to suffer more than ever.

### ***How Many Children in Your County Would Lose Access to Affordable Health Coverage?***

County	Projected number of children to be covered by Healthy Families in FY 2009-10 (if the Program was fully funded) <sup>1</sup>	Estimated number of children who would be denied enrollment at application in FY 2009-10 <sup>2</sup>	Estimated number of children who would be disenrolled from coverage (August 2009 – June 2010) <sup>3</sup>
Alameda	21,140	7,878	13,351
Alpine	2	n/a	1
Amador	430	141	264
Butte	3,990	1,337	2,460
Calaveras	730	239	445
Colusa	1,580	364	955
Contra Costa	13,200	4,836	8,207
Del Norte	580	215	349
El Dorado	3,110	1,120	1,952
Fresno	23,330	8,862	14,456
Glenn	1,490	396	907
Humboldt	3,790	1,388	2,323
Imperial	5,600	2,002	3,422
Inyo	320	113	199
Kern	26,950	9,705	16,593
Kings	4,390	1,419	2,705
Lake	1,760	553	1,081
Lassen	260	106	171
Los Angeles	241,480	83,898	149,327
Madera	4,890	1,669	2,971
Marin	3,080	1,063	1,934
Mariposa	240	99	143
Mendocino	2,520	879	1,576
Merced	9,690	3,191	5,904
Modoc	180	54	104
Mono	470	162	286
Monterey	20,500	5,636	12,476
Napa	3,930	1,315	2,453
Nevada	2,450	819	1,526
Orange	89,290	30,015	55,380
Placer	4,890	1,963	3,082
Plumas	310	70	179
Riverside	79,830	31,010	49,723
Sacramento	28,670	10,725	17,532
San Benito	1,940	589	1,220

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San Bernardino	69,680	26,271	43,136
San Diego	78,830	29,431	49,019
San Francisco	12,190	3,223	7,450
San Joaquin	21,270	7,436	13,139
San Luis Obispo	5,490	1,859	3,453
San Mateo	10,730	4,123	6,635
Santa Barbara	11,160	3,790	6,949
Santa Clara	32,220	12,378	20,338
Santa Cruz	6,500	2,141	4,084
Shasta	4,420	1,380	2,687
Sierra	40	15	28
Siskiyou	790	225	478
Solano	5,600	2,302	3,489
Sonoma	12,740	4,178	7,925
Stanislaus	14,170	5,750	8,767
Sutter	3,800	1,007	2,304
Tehama	1,630	546	992
Trinity	280	98	167
Tulare	14,930	5,363	9,183
Tuolumne	1,060	364	662
Ventura	21,380	7,346	13,336
Yolo	4,050	1,417	2,553
Yuba	2,010	670	1,242
<b>Total</b>	<b>942,000</b>	<b>335,145</b>	<b>583,674</b>

**Unless and until the Governor, Legislature, and private sources (such as First Five and health plans) provide the funds necessary to fully fund Healthy Families, too many children will go without health coverage. This leads to higher public costs for emergency room care and avoidable suffering for California children.**

<sup>1</sup> California Budget Project analysis of Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) data. See [http://www.cbp.org/documents/090521\\_HF\\_County\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.cbp.org/documents/090521_HF_County_Fact_Sheet.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> 29,143 is the average of new monthly enrollment reported by MRMIB at [http://www.mrmib.ca.gov/mrmib/Agenda\\_Minutes\\_062909/Agenda\\_Item\\_7.a\\_HFP\\_Impact\\_of\\_90\\_Millions\\_GF\\_Shortfall.pdf](http://www.mrmib.ca.gov/mrmib/Agenda_Minutes_062909/Agenda_Item_7.a_HFP_Impact_of_90_Millions_GF_Shortfall.pdf). If there were no shortfall, enrollment could be expected to continue at the same rate for the remainder of the fiscal year (July 17, 2009 – June 30, 2010), totaling 335,145 children by the end of the fiscal year. County estimates were derived by multiplying each county's share of new enrollments (based on the last 12 months of new enrollments per county, at [http://www.mrmib.ca.gov/MRMIB/HFP/June\\_09/HFPRpt2.pdf](http://www.mrmib.ca.gov/MRMIB/HFP/June_09/HFPRpt2.pdf)) by the total number of children expected to apply (335,145).

<sup>3</sup> The total Healthy Families shortfall is \$194 million General Fund; the freeze on new enrollment is only expected to save \$74 million General Fund. To make up the remaining \$120 million shortfall, MRMIB would need to disenroll 583,674 children, or 55,377 children per month starting mid-August 2009. County estimates were derived by multiplying each county's share of total statewide enrollment from June 2009, available at [http://www.mrmib.ca.gov/MRMIB/HFP/June\\_09/HFPRpt2A.pdf](http://www.mrmib.ca.gov/MRMIB/HFP/June_09/HFPRpt2A.pdf), by the estimated 583,674 children that would be disenrolled.