

# Issue Brief

## All Kids



### The Issue

- All Kids health insurance is a State of Illinois program for children who need comprehensive, affordable health insurance, regardless of immigration status or health condition.
- All Kids health insurance covers doctor visits, hospital stays, prescription drugs, vision care, dental care, eyeglasses, regular check-ups, immunizations and special services including medical equipment, speech therapy and physical therapy.
- Well-child visits, including regular check-up or immunizations, do not require a co-pay and are free for all children enrolled in the program. Premium costs and co-payment prices for other services depends on the parents' income, the size of the family and number of children in the family enrolled in All Kids.
- The 2006 "Covering All Kids Health Insurance Act" expanded existing Medicaid health insurance coverage for children to include undocumented children and children whose family income is up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- The expanded All Kids health insurance program was extended to 2019 through bi-partisan legislation passed and signed into law in 2016. Without the extension, 41,000 low-income children in Illinois, including many immigrant children, would have lost their health care coverage.

### Impact

- The All Kids health insurance program has resulted in Illinois having one of the highest rates of health coverage for children in the nation at 96.7 percent.
- Illinois also has the second highest rate of health coverage for Latino children in the nation at 95.5 percent.
- All Kids health insurance generates an enhanced Federal health care funding match of \$40 million annually.

### Our Position

- **Presence Health believes in access to care.** Presence Health will continue to support policies that help ensure all children, regardless of their immigration status or their parents' ability to pay, have full access to health care and have health insurance coverage.
- **Caring for our kids now is an investment in their future.** Evidence shows that improved health among children with programs like All Kids, Medicaid and CHIP, translates into educational gains, with potentially positive implications for both individual economic well-being and overall economic productivity.