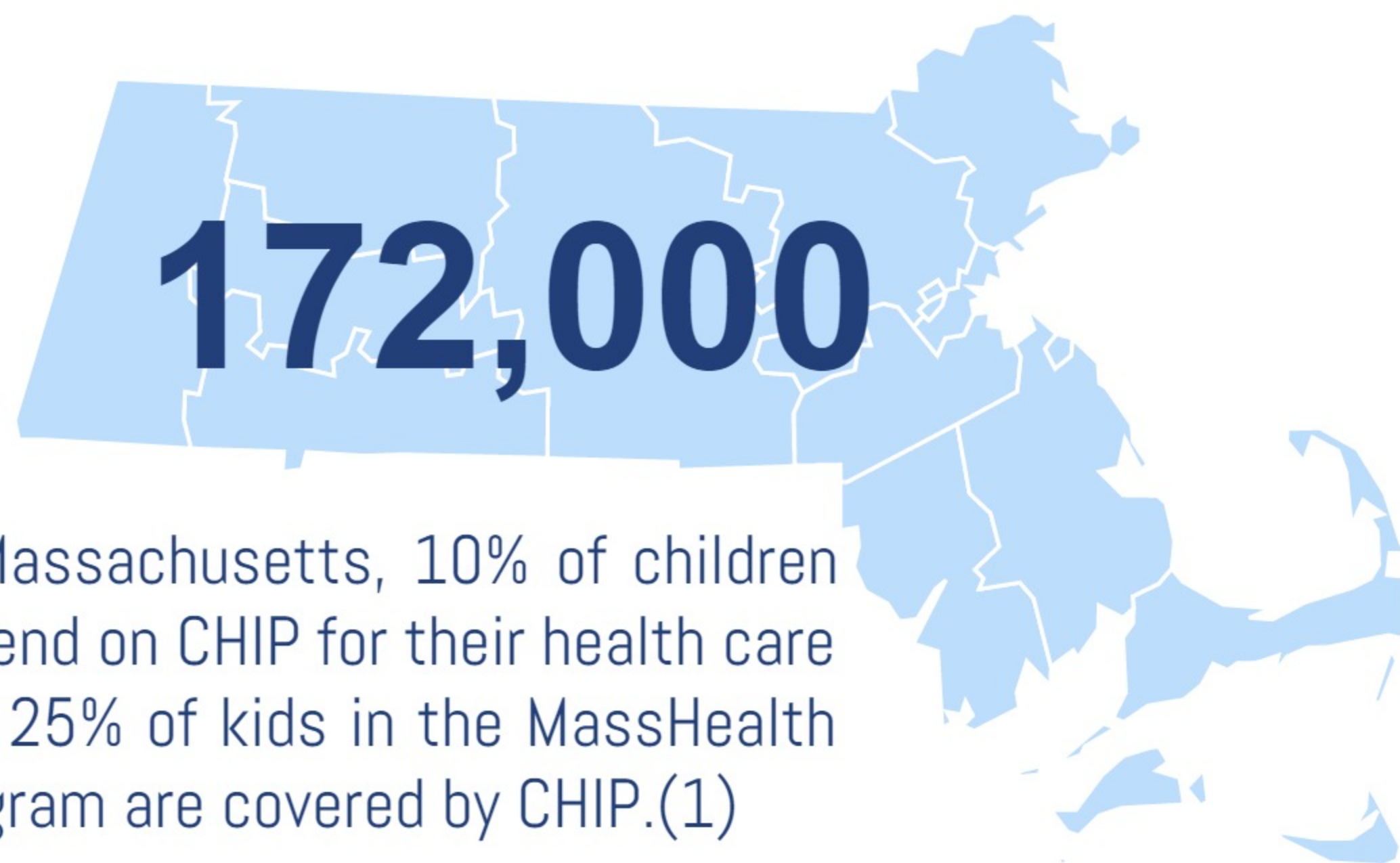


CHIP in Massachusetts

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The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is a state-administered program jointly funded by the state and federal governments. In Massachusetts, CHIP is a part of MassHealth, and enables the state to provide health care coverage to children whose family incomes exceed the Medicaid eligibility standards, but may still be inadequate to afford private health care coverage.



In Massachusetts, 10% of children depend on CHIP for their health care and 25% of kids in the MassHealth program are covered by CHIP.(1)



Federal reimbursement for CHIP expenditures is **88 cents for every dollar Massachusetts spends**; for most of Medicaid, it is only 50 cents. (2)



Federal funding for CHIP expired on September 30, 2017
Massachusetts is expected to run out of funding early in 2018.

What's Next for CHIP in Massachusetts?

If federal CHIP funding is not reauthorized, **Massachusetts would lose \$295 million in revenue per year.**(3)

CHIP could be reauthorized at lower rates, eliminating the 23% "bump" granted by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), **resulting in Massachusetts losing \$149 million in revenue per year.**(4)

Losing Coverage

CHIP currently provides health insurance to 7,000 expectant mothers nationwide who are not eligible for Medicaid. These expectant mothers could lose access to prenatal care if CHIP is not reauthorized.(5)



Protect Health Coverage for Children

Support H.598/S.647 An Act to Ensure Continued Health Insurance Coverage for Children

Sponsored by: State Representative Cronin and State Senator L'Italien

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With all the uncertainty surrounding federal action, we are committed to ensuring that Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollees maintain coverage.

An Act to Ensure Continued Health Coverage for Children (HB598/SB647) preserves CHIP coverage in Massachusetts for those eligible for the program and directs the Commonwealth to seek the highest possible federal reimbursement to ensure that those enrolled in the program have access to the care they need. This legislation has been referred to the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, which held a hearing on the bill on May 2, 2017.

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