

United Service Association For Health Care (USA+) is a non-profit corporation chartered in Washington, D.C., in 1983. In November of 1987, the USA+ Membership program became one of the first group association Benefit Programs set up to provide the small business owner, his family and employees with a quality benefits package previously available only to employees of large corporations.

USA+ is committed to the promotion of equal access to health care for all citizens of the United States, but more specifically, for members of our association. We stay abreast of legislation proposed by state regulators that may have an adverse or favorable impact on our membership population. When necessary, we contact regulators in order to have an opportunity to convey the views of the association's members.

There are currently over 45 million Americans without health insurance, 9 million of which are children. Ten years ago, Congress created the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to cover kids whose parents work but can't afford health insurance on their own. As a result, millions of children can now see a doctor when they are sick to get the care they need to stay healthy. But there are 9 million more children--more than the total number of kids enrolled in the first and second grades in U.S. public schools--still living without health coverage. This year, Congress must reauthorize SCHIP for it to continue. Congress has the opportunity to cover millions more uninsured kids, ensuring they, too, get the care they need.

Efforts are underway to plan to plan activities to demonstrate broad support for the reauthorization of SCHIP and help enroll eligible children in SCHIP and Medicaid. As part of this effort, we hope you will join this nationwide mobilization by:

- Submitting an editorial comment or a letter to your local newspaper
- Attending or organizing a press event with state officials to demonstrate broad support for covering more of America's uninsured children.
- Organizing Back-to-School activities to enroll eligible children in SCHIP and Medicaid.
- Telling people you know with uninsured children to call 1(877) KIDS-NOW to find out if their kids are eligible for low-cost or free health coverage through SCHIP or Medicaid.

From time to time, you may be called upon to contact your state representatives in order to ensure that your voice is heard. For more information, please feel free to contact us at 800-USA-1187. Together, we can make a difference.