



## Talking Points: Adequate funding to sustain ALL Kids (Children's Health Insurance Program)

The Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics strongly supports the Alabama Department of Public Health's budget request to fully fund ALL Kids (Children's Health Insurance Program) for Fiscal Year 2021.

- Alabama was the first state to establish a CHIP program, known in Alabama as ALL Kids. The ALL Kids program has remained true to CHIP's original intent to provide health insurance to children in working families who do not otherwise have access to affordable employer-sponsored coverage and whose income is between 141 and 312 percent of the federal poverty level.
- Because of the work of many people coming together at the state level, the program's success is evidenced by a low uninsured rate for Alabama's children. In 2018, the uninsured rate for children in Alabama under age 19 is 3.5%. Nationally, that rate is 5.2%.
- The ALL Kids program is a true public-private partnership, administered as a health plan for children by the Alabama Department of Public Health with benefits delivered through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. With a federal match rate of 80.81% in 2021, the ALL Kids program draws down \$80.81 into the state for every \$19.19 it spends. The ALL Kids program also collects \$6 million in premiums from enrollees' families.
- ALL Kids has a higher match rate than that of the Alabama Medicaid Agency; this federal match infuses millions of dollars in Alabama to support the state's healthcare infrastructure.
- We appeal to our state lawmakers to fund the program at its full request for Fiscal Year 2021.