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California Could Drop Children from Healthy Families

On November 5, the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) approved emergency regulations that would allow the board to drop children from the Healthy Families Program. Healthy Families provides low-cost health coverage to more than 835,000 California children whose family incomes are somewhat above the maximum level for Medi-Cal. MRMIB took the action because Congress and the President have not reauthorized the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), which provides funding for Healthy Families, and California faces a funding shortfall this year. The President vetoed one bill to reauthorize SCHIP and his administration has indicated he will veto another SCHIP bill Congress passed last week.

Unless Congress and the President approve additional SCHIP funding, MRMIB projects it may need to drop nearly 600,000 children from Healthy Families between January and September 2008 – an average of about 66,000 children per month – to bridge an estimated federal funding shortfall of \$265 million for federal fiscal year 2008, which began in October. MRMIB must make a formal finding that the program does not have sufficient funding before it could disenroll children. MRMIB could make the finding after the emergency regulations take effect in early December.

How Many Children Could Lose Health Coverage if Healthy Families Begins Dropping Children in January 2008?					
Congressional District	Representative	Children Potentially Dropped from Healthy Families	Congressional District	Representative	Children Potentially Dropped from Healthy Families
1	Thompson	10,471	28	Berman	9,665
2	Herger	13,940	29	Schiff	10,200
3	Lungren	7,232	30	Waxman	3,618
4	Doolittle	7,815	31	Becerra	6,591
5	Matsui	10,005	32	Solis	14,142
6	Woolsey	7,743	33	Watson	7,109
7	George Miller	5,925	34	Roybal-Allard	11,555
8	Pelosi	6,001	35	Waters	8,923
9	Lee	5,700	36	Harman	5,766
10	Tauscher	4,586	37	Millender-McDonald	11,612
11	McNerney	12,499	38	Napolitano	13,009
12	Lantos	6,583	39	Linda Sanchez	15,729
13	Stark	6,758	40	Royce	14,798
14	Eshoo	5,403	41	Lewis	14,969
15	Honda	6,854	42	Gary Miller	10,718
16	Lofgren	9,797	43	Baca	18,032
17	Farr	15,262	44	Calvert	21,377
18	Cardoza	17,738	45	Bono	19,054
19	Radanovich	9,751	46	Rohrabacher	12,321
20	Costa	16,435	47	Loretta Sanchez	17,382
21	Nunes	17,167	48	Campbell	7,542
22	McCarthy	13,070	49	Issa	14,378
23	Capps	8,168	50	Bilbray	8,651
24	Gallegly	12,523	51	Filner	18,839
25	McKeon	12,588	52	Hunter	7,897
26	Dreier	19,297	53	Davis	9,509
27	Sherman	13,260		TOTAL	595,952

Source: CBP analysis of Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board and Maximus data