

- 20 percent of uninsured children have untreated vision problems.
- Parents of uninsured children are seven times more likely to not fill or delay filling prescriptions.
- One in every five parents of uninsured children has or would keep their child out of a sporting or athletic event because of the fear of injury.

Working Families often Lack Health Care Coverage for their Children

- Only 69 percent of all children in the United States (70% in Minnesota) are covered by private health insurance.
- People who work for the smallest businesses are the least likely to get health care coverage from their employer. Employers with less than 25 employees cover less than 31 percent of their employees.
- 65 percent of uninsured children in the United States have at least one parent who works full-time throughout the year. In Minnesota, 88 percent of the parents of uninsured children are employed.
- 23 percent of the children in low-income families lack health care coverage.
- Four out of five parents with uninsured children (82%) would enroll them in public health insurance programs if they knew they qualified.
- 70 percent of uninsured children are most likely eligible for low-cost or free health care coverage under Minnesota's public health care programs.

There are Many Reasons Children Do Not Have Health Coverage

- Parents most often lack knowledge of available health care coverage options in their states or don't understand the eligibility guidelines.
- Cultural and language barriers may exist in many of the most underserved populations.
- Obtaining health insurance may be a lower priority for families who may have more pressing needs such as employment and housing.
- The application process is too complicated for many families, especially those with low literacy or language problems.
- Government rules and verification requirements can pose barriers.
- Employer-sponsored insurance premiums are often unaffordable for low-income working families.

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