

# Healthy Kids Are Better Students

There is a strong connection between academic performance and a student's health. Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide school-age children (ages 6-18) with the care they need to improve their ability to fully participate in the classroom and fulfill school health requirements.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Your child may qualify for free or low-cost health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children up to age 19 in a family of four earning up to \$50,000 a year or more might be able to qualify for free or low-cost medical coverage through Medicaid or CHIP

## MOST UNINSURED CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE!

Children with Medicaid and CHIP have access to immunizations, check-ups, eye exams, dental visits, mental health care, prescriptions, and other health services

## WHY IS HEALTH COVERAGE CRITICAL FOR STUDENTS?



10%  
Preschoolers

25%  
K-6 students

### Vision Issues Affect Learning

- About 10% of preschoolers and 25% of kids in grades K-6 have vision deficiencies
- Many kids are also misdiagnosed with learning disabilities when they actually have undetected vision problems



## Children Learn Better When Their Teeth Are Healthy

When oral health problems are treated and children no longer are experiencing pain, their learning and school attendance improve



### Good Oral Health Keeps Kids in School

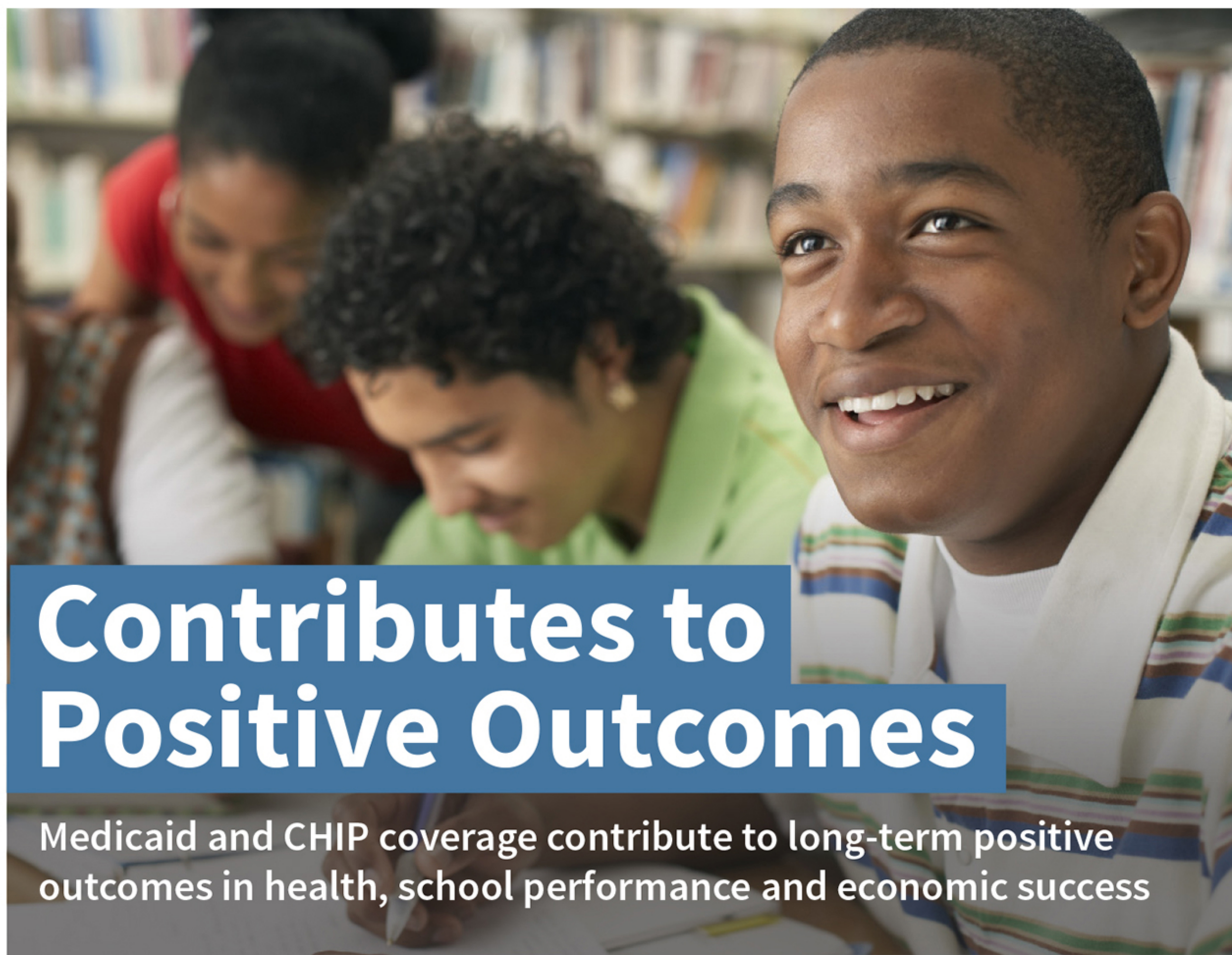
More than 51 million school hours are lost each year due to dental-related illness

## HOW DOES MEDICAID AND CHIP HELP?



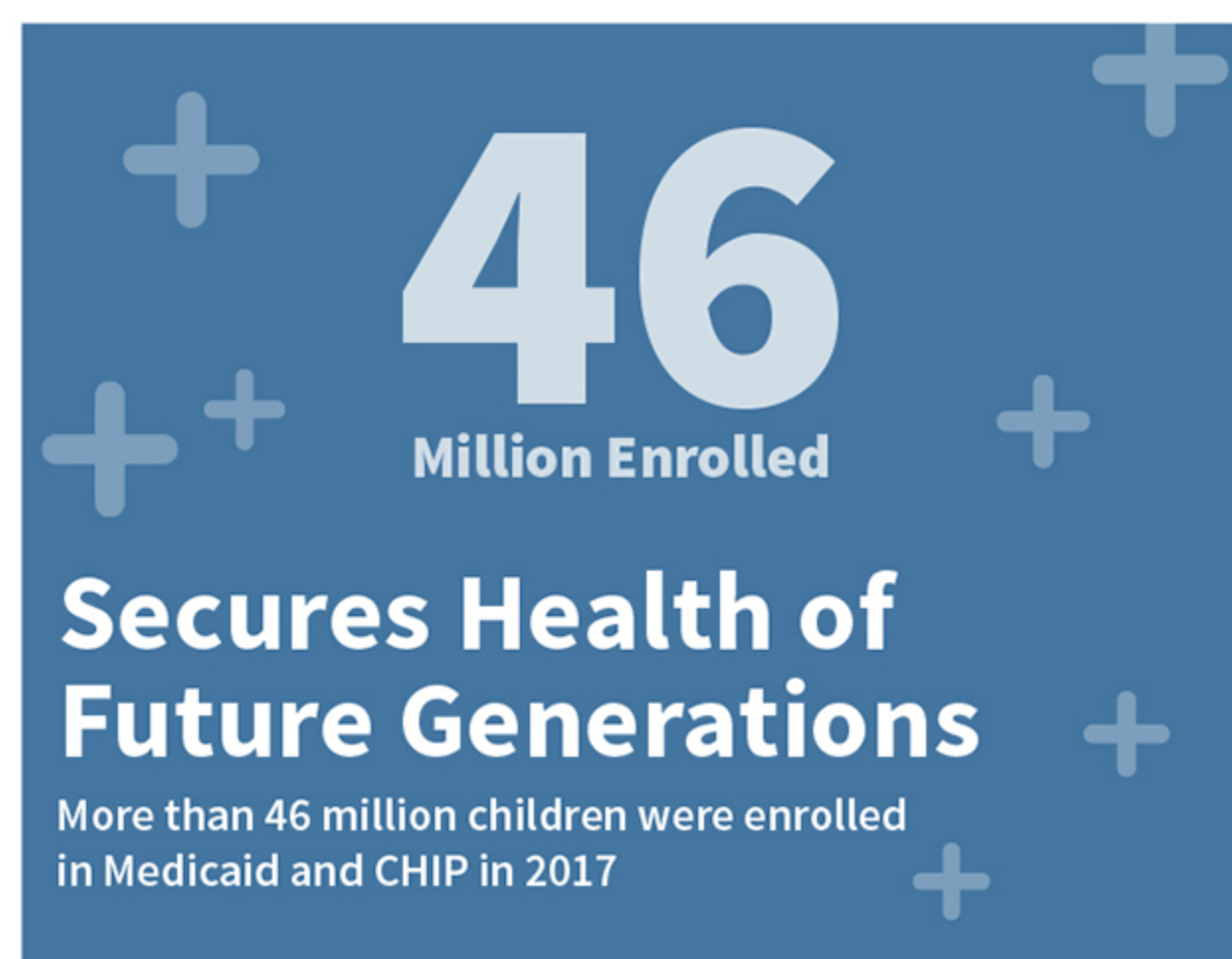
### Connects Kids to Coverage

Medicaid and CHIP are crucial for ensuring that school-age children (ages 6-18) have access to health care



## Contributes to Positive Outcomes

Medicaid and CHIP coverage contribute to long-term positive outcomes in health, school performance and economic success



## WHO USES MEDICAID AND CHIP?

### Percentage of School-Aged Students (ages 6-18) that Receive Health Coverage through Medicaid and CHIP



37%

All Students



79%

Students Living in Poverty



87%

Nearly 87% of all eligible uninsured children are school-aged



Almost 2 out of 5 school-age children received their health coverage through Medicaid and CHIP in 2016

Pathways to Better Health

Get Free or Low-Cost Health Coverage for Your Child

1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669)

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Use the Dentist Locator to Find A Dentist in Your Community That Helps Kids and Accepts Medicaid and CHIP

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