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Keeping Kids Covered

12-Month Continuous Eligibility for Children on Medicaid

What is it?
This policy would allow children enrolled in Medicaid to stay on their insurance for the full year.

Why is it needed?
Utah has one of the highest rates of uninsured children in the nation (7%), and it is going UP in recent years.
We rank #44 out of 51 for insured children. We can do better!
Children on Medicaid frequently cycle on and off the program due to red-tape barriers.
Allowing continuous eligibility for a year would reduce paperwork and red-tape and improve our rate insured kids!

Is this offered in other programs?
Yes, most insurance plans allow for a year of continuous coverage, including CHIP and private plans.
Utah also allows continuous eligibility for qualifying adults experiencing homelessness or mental health needs.

Who would benefit?
Families with children below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (about $3,000/month for a family of 4)