

New Jersey Health Care Reform Act

HELPFUL FACTS & FIGURES

FIRST YEAR COST

- Under the proposed expansion of Family Care to 200% FPL for parents, the New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJ DHS) projects that approximately 12,000 parents will enroll in the first year of expansion for a total State cost of \$8.3 million
- Because the Kids First mandate does not go into effect until one year after this law is enacted, NJ DHS projects that not every eligible child will enroll in the first year. NJ DHS estimates project that 52,166 kids will become enrolled in the first year for a total State cost of \$20.5 million.
- This brings the total projected State cost for the first year to \$28.8 million.

TOTAL COST TO INSURE ALL ELIGIBLES

- Under the proposed expansion of Family Care to 200% FPL for parents, 47,000 New Jersey parents would become eligible for the program at a total State cost of \$33.2 million.
- There are approximately 167,000 kids eligible for the Family Care program who are not currently enrolled. If every eligible child were to become enrolled, the total State cost would be \$89 million.
- The total State cost to enroll every eligible New Jerseyan into Family Care would be \$122.2 million. We know this cost will be spread over two or more years.

What is 200% FPL?

For a Family of four, 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is \$42,400.00 per year in total family income.

How many children and parents are enrolled in Family Care today?

Most current data shows that approximately 87,700 parents and 123,000 kids are currently enrolled in Family Care.

Who is Charity Care spent on?

We know that 96% of all Charity Care is spent on those at or below 200% FPL. We should see a direct relationship between insuring parents up to 200% FPL and the decline in Charity Care provided.

How much was in the budget for Charity Care this year?

New Jersey FY 2008 Budget allocated \$719 Million toward Charity Care.

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