

# Universal Health Care Coverage for Children in Washington: How Did We Get Here?

**1989:**  
**Maternity Care Act/First Steps**  
Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women and infants expanded to federal maximum level of 185% FPL

**1993:**  
**Washington Health Services Act**  
Medicaid coverage for children expanded to 200% FPL and investments in outreach and enrollment

**2002-2004**  
**Moving Backwards**  
Children's Health Program not funded and non-citizen children moved to BHP, administrative hurdles added - 50,000 children lose coverage

**2006:**  
**Expanded Funding**  
Children's Health Program (Medicaid lookalike program for non-citizen children) fully funded and proposed premium increases prohibited

**2008**  
**Apple Health for Kids**  
All programs for children renamed "Apple Health for Kids", additional investments in outreach and administrative simplification

**2014**  
**ACA Implemented**  
Additional coverage coupled with outreach and enrollment for many eligible but unenrolled

**2015 - 2020:**  
Less than 3% of Washington's Children are Uninsured

**1987:**  
**Expanded Funding**  
For children up to age 2 with income up to 90% FPL including prenatal coverage for to women who do not qualify for Medicaid

**1990:**  
**Children's Health Program**  
Medicaid lookalike program for children not eligible for Medicaid up to 100% FPL (not entitlement) in statute and provider rate increases

**1999:**  
**CHIP Implemented**  
Coverage for children expanded up to 250% FPL through CHIP

**2005**  
**Cover All Kids**  
Legislature passed law stating intent/goal to cover all children by 2010

**2007**  
**Statutory Entitlement to Coverage**  
Legislature creates state entitlement for children's coverage up to 250% FPL; up to 300% FPL if funds available

**2009**  
**Cover All Kids Fully Implemented**  
All children covered up to 300% FPL