

Cover the Uninsured

While Cover the Uninsured Week concluded its activities in April, efforts to obtain health coverage for the uninsured continues. This summer, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and many partners and supporters highlight the need to cover America's kids. On September 30, 2007 the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) that covers 6 million children is set to expire unless Congress acts reauthorize the program.

ACP is a national supporter of Cover the Uninsured Week (CTUW) events and have advocated strongly for the reauthorization of SCHIP. Throughout August and September, thousands of enrollment events will take place during the CTUW's [Back-to-School Campaign](#). We encourage our Chapters to continue in the tradition of supporting these efforts to raise awareness of the uninsured. Resources are available to help members plan enrollment events and demonstrate support for SCHIP reauthorization.

How you can help get America's kids covered:

- [Download](#) and send the template listserv to encourage members to:
 - [Sign up](#) as an event planner and plan enrollment events
 - [Download](#) the Health and Enrollment Fair Planning Guide
 - [Order](#) *free* materials to distribute in their community
 - Submit an [op-ed](#) or [letter to the editor](#) to your local newspapers
- Post a [Web button](#) in support of getting America's kids covered on the chapter's home page
- Organize an [op-ed](#) or [letter to the editor](#) campaign encouraging members to write their local newspapers about getting America's kids covered (Resources for writing op-eds and letters, including [templates](#) and [guides](#), are available at www.CoverTheUninsured.org.)
- [Download](#) a template drop-in article about the importance of enrolling kids in SCHIP and include it in your member e-newsletters and/or print publications

We hope ACP chapters/members will support this summer CTUW back-to-school enrollment and SCHIP reauthorization activities. To learn more about the issue and how you can help go to: www.CoverTheUninsured.org.

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