



# An Act ensuring equitable health coverage for children (H.1403/S.855)

**Lead Sponsors:** Rep. D. Rogers & Sen. DiDomenico

## What does this bill do?

Cover All Kids would ensure more children in Massachusetts have access to health care by removing immigration status as a barrier to MassHealth coverage.

## Why is this bill important?

- Every child in Massachusetts deserves access to health care, but right now tens of thousands of children and young adults under 21 are unable to get the care they need.
- Cover All Kids would change that, ensuring they can access essential services like mental health and dental care, prescription medications, and equipment like wheelchairs, glasses, and hearing aids—regardless of immigration status.
- Inadequate coverage can increase costs. Delayed treatment leads to worsening health, more emergency visits, and longer hospital stays.
- Studies show that expanding coverage for children improves health outcomes, supports better school attendance and performance, and leads to healthier adults.



## How does this benefit Massachusetts?



Cover All Kids builds on Massachusetts' history of expanding health care access. Passing it will bring the state one step closer to ensuring every child has the care they need.



When all children can get care, families are stronger, schools are healthier, and communities thrive.

## Have other states done this?

Twelve states have expanded or are in the process of implementing full health coverage for low-income children, regardless of immigration status.

Massachusetts and New Hampshire are the only New England states that still restrict Medicaid coverage for children because of immigration status.

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