

## **CoverKids Enrollment Suspension Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1. When is CoverKids enrollment closing?**  
CoverKids will suspend new enrollment after Nov. 30, 2009 for all categories. This will be the last day someone can apply for coverage through the program.
- 2. Why is CoverKids enrollment closing?**  
Since opening in 2007, CoverKids has operated within its budget appropriation. Current program enrollment is nearing the capacity allowed by the budget and, therefore, enrollment must be suspended.
- 3. When will enrollment reopen?**  
Program enrollment naturally decreases due to children aging off the plan or parents finding other health insurance. CoverKids will begin accepting new applications as space and funding allow, although there is no set date for this to happen.
- 4. What will enrollment need to be in order to reopen?**  
It's difficult to pinpoint an exact enrollment number that would enable CoverKids to reopen enrollment, as available funds will be the primary driver for such a change.
- 5. Is there a waiting list for enrollment?**  
No. There is not a waiting list for CoverKids.
- 6. Why is there no waiting list?**  
Suspending enrollment without a waiting list is the most efficient way to manage the current issue. Because a family's eligibility for CoverKids can change suddenly and since the date for reopening enrollment is unknown, applications on a waiting list could become out of date very quickly.
- 7. Are current members affected by this change?**  
No. Those currently enrolled in CoverKids are not impacted by the enrollment suspension. They will continue to be covered by the plan as long as they continue to meet eligibility requirements.
- 8. Can I buy into the CoverKids program even though enrollment is closed?**  
No. Enrollment in CoverKids will be completely closed to all new members after Nov. 30, 2009.
- 9. Can I buy into the dental portion only?**  
No. Your child must be enrolled in CoverKids in order to receive dental benefits. CoverKids does not offer a separate buy-in for dental benefits.
- 10. What is CoverKids current budget?**  
CoverKids has a current budget of \$29 million in state funding, which is in addition to \$87 million federal matching funds.
- 11. How many children are enrolled in CoverKids?**  
CoverKids has nearly 42,000 members as of Sept. 30, 2009.
- 12. What other options exist for children who don't have health insurance?**  
Children who would typically apply for CoverKids may qualify for coverage through TennCare or could be eligible for care from **local Health Departments** (an online directory is available at <http://health.state.tn.us/localdepartments.htm>) or **Federally Qualified Health Centers** (an online directory is available at <https://m360.tnpca.org/frontend/search.aspx?cs=153>).