**Improving Child Well-Being in New Mexico**

**Health**

**INDICATOR:** Children without Health Insurance*

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Number of children without health insurance

36,400

WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES**

To move up 1+ rankings to 30th

It would take a 12% drop in children without health insurance

Which means 4,500 fewer children without insurance

To move up 5+ rankings to 17th

It would take a 26% drop in children without health insurance

Which means 9,500 fewer children without insurance

To move up to the top ranking 1st

It would take a 67% drop in children without health insurance

Which means 24,400 fewer children without insurance

WHAT NEW MEXICO CAN DO

- Restore outreach and enrollment programs for Medicaid for children to help cover those children who are eligible for Medicaid but still not enrolled.
- Integrate the health insurance marketplace with Medicaid so there is “no wrong door” for enrollment to help low-income parents who are getting coverage for themselves to enroll their Medicaid-eligible children at the same time.
- Simplify the Medicaid enrollment and recertification process for children, and enact express-lane enrollment, which would help the state identify eligible children using information from other programs like Head Start and SNAP (food stamps).

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*Percent of children (ages 0-17) without health insurance.

**Ranking improvement estimates are based on point-in-time data reported in 2016; changes in other states’ outcomes can also influence New Mexico’s future rankings.

Sources: Rankings from: KIDS COUNT Data Book, Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2016 (because states can tie in indicator rankings it may take more than 1 or 5 rankings in order to move up); Data from: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2008-2014.