



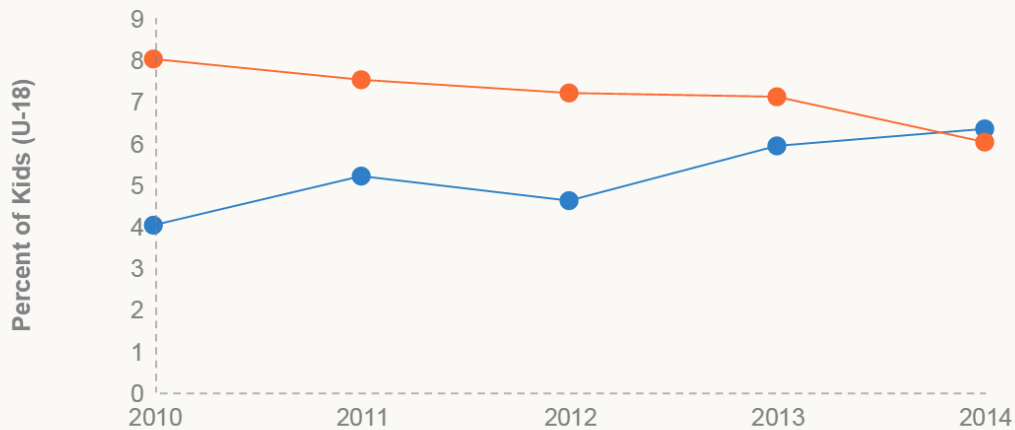
Cover Maine Now:

Helping Working Parents & Kids Get Covered

The Situation

Uninsured Children in Maine and the U.S. (Percent)
2010-2014

Data Source: American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



While the percent of uninsured children is declining nationally, the percent of uninsured children in Maine is on the rise.

The Facts



- 16,000 Maine children are uninsured
- 55 percent of uninsured Maine Children are eligible for MaineCare
- Maine has the highest rate of uninsured children in New England
- Since 2012, 12,000 Mainers have lost healthcare coverage.

The Research



One thing we know for sure: health care coverage for children and parents is linked. When parents are uninsured, it is more likely that their children will also be uninsured, even if the children themselves are eligible for insurance coverage.

For many years, Maine has worked to ensure access to health coverage for the parents of children because children whose parents are insured are more likely to receive check-ups, preventive care and other health care services.



It is important for parents to have access to quality healthcare. Parents with limited access to health care are more likely to have preventable health problems worsen or become more complex. This can lead to significant financial, emotional and physical burdens.

The Solution

The best way to reverse the rising rate of uninsured children in Maine is to accept the federal funds that would provide coverage to 70,000 uninsured Mainers.

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