

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA “HEALTHY FAMILIES”  
TITLE XXI PROGRAM  
FACT SHEET**

<b>Name of Plan:</b>	<b>DC Healthy Families</b>
<b>Date Plan Approved:</b>	May 11, 1998
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<b>Date Amendment # 1 Submitted:</b>	October 24, 2005
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<b>Date Amendment # 1 Effective:</b>	August 24, 2001
<b>Date Amendment # 2 Submitted:</b>	December 15, 2006
<b>Date Amendment # 2 Approved:</b>	March 15, 2007
<b>Date Amendment #2 Effective:</b>	February 1, 2007

### **Background**

- On May 11, 1998, Washington, D.C. submitted a title XXI State Plan for providing expanded benefits under the District’s Medicaid program. The District expanded Medicaid eligibility to children between the ages of 0 and 19 in families with incomes at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This program is known as Healthy DC Kids.

### **Amendments**

- The District of Columbia submitted its first amendment on October 24, 2005, to come into compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.
- The District of Columbia submitted its second amendment on December 15, 2006 to expand upper income eligibility level from 200 to 300 percent of the FPL.

### **Children Covered Under the Program**

- The District reported that 8,746 children were enrolled at the end of FFY 2008.

### **Administration**

- The program is administered by the District of Columbia’s Department of Health.

### **Health Care Delivery System**

- The District has an approved Section 1915(b) waiver for its Medicaid program. Through this system, a mandatory managed care system, health care services are provided for both the Medicaid and Healthy DC Kids programs. Behavioral health and long-term services are carved-out and reimbursed on a fee for service basis.

### **Benefit Package**

- Children eligible for Healthy DC Kids receive the full Medicaid benefits package.

### **Cost Sharing**

- There is no cost sharing for children in Healthy DC Kids.

### **State Action to Avoid Crowd Out**

- Through a Medicaid SPA, that is being concurrently reviewed in the Regional Office, the District is also raising their Medicaid income eligibility level to 300 percent of the FPL. Applications will request information on whether or not children have insurance coverage. Should a child be insured, the child will be enrolled in the regular Medicaid program. Should the child not be insured, the child will be enrolled in the SCHIP Medicaid expansion program.

### **Outreach Activities**

- An outreach contractor is employed to develop and disseminate written materials, develop and implement a public-education strategy, develop and implement a media strategy and design and implement an application assistance program (in compliance with current Medicaid requirements).

### **Financial Information**

Total FFY'09 SCHIP Allotment: \$14,180,255

FFY'09 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate: 79%

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