

# Support HB 290 and SB 39 to Allow 12 Months of Uninterrupted Medicaid Coverage for Eligible Children

Thousands of Texas children experience gaps in health coverage due to inaccurate automated mid-year eligibility reviews.

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## 5,759 Texas children

re-enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP in 2019 less than three months after the current system cut off their health coverage.

**Texas gained nothing by eliminating their health coverage for a month or two.**

But losing health coverage means that children:

- ✓ **miss doctor's appointments,**
- ✓ **miss support for mental health challenges,**
- ✓ **miss speech therapy sessions,**
- ✓ **miss medications when they get sick,**
- ✓ **miss immunizations, and**
- ✓ **miss school.**