



Alabama ALL Kids Program Will No Longer Accept New Enrollees After Jan. 1

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The screenshot shows the Alabama Public Health website. The header includes the text "ALABAMA PUBLIC HEALTH" and "Promote, protect, and improve the health of individuals and communities of Alabama". Navigation links include "About Us | Careers | Help/FAQ | Login" and "A-Z Index | News/Media | Health Departments | Certificates, Licenses & Permits | Laws/Regulations | Contact Us". A search bar is labeled "Search ADPH". The main content area features a banner for the "ALL Kids Children's Health Insurance Program" with a photo of children. Below the banner, the text reads: "Home / ALL Kids", "ALL Kids", "Important Notice: Effective January 1, 2018, ALL Kids will no longer enroll children. All applications and renewal forms received on or after that date will be processed for Medicaid eligibility or referred to the Health Insurance Marketplace. Children currently enrolled in ALL Kids will continue to receive benefits for now. If Congress does not act soon, coverage for active ALL Kids enrollees will be terminated effective February 1, 2018, regardless of the 'Good Thru Date' on their ALL Kids insurance card.", "You can apply for new health coverage and financial assistance for any person losing ALL Kids coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace by calling 1-800-318-2596 or visiting their website, HealthCare.gov.", and "Access to healthcare is vital. Children need to be healthy to reach their full potential. To stay healthy, children need to have regular checkups, vision and dental care, and get medical attention if they get sick or injured."

(WRKG) — Beginning in 2018, Alabama’s ALL Kids program will no longer accept new enrollees.

If you want to enroll your children, you must turn in all required paperwork by the end of the year, according to the [Alabama Public Health website](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/allkids/index.html). (<http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/allkids/index.html>)

According to a [notice on the website](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/allkids/index.html) (<http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/allkids/index.html>), even if you do apply by December 31st, coverage is only guaranteed through February 1 due to funding from the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

ALL Kids is a low-cost, comprehensive healthcare coverage program for children under age 19. Benefits include regular checkups and immunizations, sick child doctor visits, prescriptions, vision and dental care, hospitalization, mental health and substance abuse services, and much more.

Funding for this program is up for review this week. News 5 spoke to U.S. Representative Bradley Byrne about CHIP last week. He hopes Congress can negotiate funding for at least three or four years.

Here what the notice said:

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