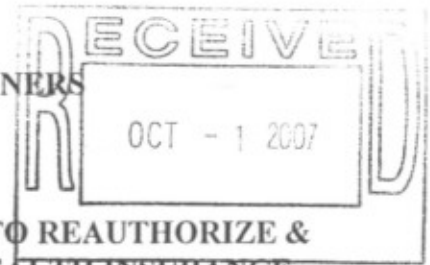


EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2007



**RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS & THE PRESIDENT TO REAUTHORIZE &
INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE
PROGRAM**

Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approval of the following resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Hosey.

WHEREAS, The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) is a federal/state partnership, created in 1997, that provides health care coverage to low and moderate-income children under age 19; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's SCHIP program called MICHild, was implemented statewide on September 1, 1998, and provides over 31,000 Michigan children from families with incomes below 200 percent of poverty (\$34,340 per year for a family of three) with basic health benefits; and

WHEREAS, 295 Eaton County children currently receive health benefits with a monetary value of approximately \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that approximately 110,000 uninsured Michigan children are eligible for health care benefits under MICHild but do not receive them due to lack of federal funding; and

WHEREAS, The SCHIP program will expire on September 30, 2007 if not reauthorized by Congress and signed by the President; and

WHEREAS, If this program is reauthorized at the current funding level, Michigan and Eaton County would not have sufficient funding to keep even current children covered, let alone reduce the backlog of those eligible and waiting for benefits; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, recognizing the critical health care needs of children in our county who are served by the MICHild program and the unmet needs of those who are eligible but turned away due to lack of funding, urges Congress and the President to

1. Reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for another ten years;
2. Commit at least 50 billion dollars in new federal funds over the next five years for children's health coverage which would provide assurance that Michigan's and Eaton County's children living below the federal poverty level would not lose their current coverage and allow MICHild to reach more uninsured children who are currently eligible;
3. Protect the existing state flexibility in the MICHild program which would allow states with different health issues to meet those needs and insure that no child currently covered would lose their benefits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, members of the Michigan congressional delegation and the Michigan Association of Counties. Carried.

COUNTY OF EATON)
STATE OF MICHIGAN) SS

I, M. Frances Fuller, Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County of Eaton, Do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a record now remaining in the office of the Clerk of said County and Court.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, at the City of Charlotte this 24th day of September A.D. 2007

By  Dep. Clerk