

Administration of Barack H. Obama, 2009

Statement on Congressional Passage of Health Care Legislation

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As the worsening economy causes families to lose their jobs and health insurance, it is vital that we redouble our efforts to ensure that every child in America has access to affordable health care. That is why I am pleased that the Senate has joined the House in passing bipartisan legislation to provide health insurance to children whose families have been hurt most by this downturn. Providing health care to more than 10 million children through the Children's Health Insurance Program will serve as a down payment on my commitment to ensure that every American has access to quality, affordable health care.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 2, State Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009.

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