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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney supported a revised bill to reauthorize and ex

“I was proud – again – to support the critical State Children’s Health Insurance Plan, which provides hea

The bill considered today is a bipartisan plan to renew health coverage for over 6 million children nationw

“Millions of children, and their parents, rely on this program for preventive health care. I am reminded of

Rep. McNerney continued, “Danielle said that since her children have been enrolled in Healthy Families

“Low income children in our nation deserve health coverage. Today’s bill still covers 10 million low-income

In an attempt to address concerns raised by President Bush and House Republicans, there are several

- SCHIP coverage will be permitted for children only from families who earn less than 300 percent of the poverty level
- In order to ensure that lowest-income children are covered first, the states will only receive bonus payments if they cover a certain number of children
- The revised bill goes even further that previous versions in clarifying that the legislation does not affect the federal SCHIP program
- If the Social Security Administration cannot confirm an applicant’s citizenship, the applicant will be eligible for SCHIP coverage
  
- Under the original bill any childless adults covered under SCHIP – a decision made by individual states

The Senate is expected to take up this revised version of the SCHIP legislation soon.