

Fry-Bowers (2020) discusses the alarming number of children under the age of 6 who do not currently have health insurance in the United States. The fact that this number is rising is even more disturbing than the numbers themselves. Fry-Bowers (2020) attributes the rise in uninsured children to parents losing insurance coverage through employers and state coverage. When children are uninsured, they lose access to preventative measures and early health interventions that can have long-lasting impacts.

On a personal note, my children have been without health insurance while I have been between jobs and started school. There is a constant worry that my children might need medical care due to an injury or illness that will prove financially devastating to our family. My family hopes that Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) will improve to offer children coverage when parents may be waiting on insurance but still making income.

Reference

Fry-Bowers, E. K. (2020). Losing ground: Current Medicaid policy threatens children's access to healthcare. *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*, 34(4), 385-389.

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