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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 317

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR ALL DELAWARE CHILDREN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Cover All Delaware Children Act.”

2 Section 2. Amend Chapter 5, Title 31 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
3 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

4 § 530. Medical assistance for children.

5 (a) The Department of Health and Social Services shall establish a program, consistent with appropriations and  
6 operated with non-federal funds, to provide medical assistance to eligible children who reside in this state who are not  
7 otherwise eligible for Medicaid or other federally-funded coverage.

8 (b) A child is eligible for coverage under this section if the child resides in this state and the income of the child’s  
9 family is at or below the Delaware Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Program income guidelines. There is no asset  
10 limit to qualify for the program.

11 (c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the hospital, medical, dental, and prescription drug benefits for  
12 children covered under this section should align with the benefits of the Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance  
13 Program.

14 Section 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2023.

SYNOPSIS

This bill is the Cover All Delaware Children Act.

This Act directs the Department of Health and Social Services to develop and operate a medical coverage program for children in Delaware who are not otherwise covered, including children who are not documented. A child resident in the state whose family income is low enough that they would qualify on that basis for Medicaid or CHIP coverage, but is not eligible for Medicaid or other federally funded coverage, is eligible for coverage and medical care under this Act.

This Act takes effect January 1, 2023.