



City of Cambridge

35.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 12, 1994

- COUNCILLOR BORN
- COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
- MAYOR REEVES
- VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
- COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
- COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
- COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Many children in Cambridge lack access to a health insurance program that covers both primary and preventative care; and

WHEREAS: A program is currently available to all children in Massachusetts for obtaining such coverage at very low rates scaled to income: The Children's Medical Security Plan (formerly the Healthy Kids Program); and

WHEREAS: This program can be used in conjunction with insurance that does cover office visits, mental health and immunizations; and

WHEREAS: Many Cambridge parents may be unaware that this low cost program is available to help them obtain health care for their children, although in Boston extensive outreach efforts has improved enrollments over the last year; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to request the Department of Public Health, the Cambridge Hospital and the School Department to take steps to inform parents of children birth through 12 about the availability of this program.

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 Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
 Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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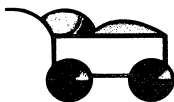
HEALTH CARE FOR YOUR KIDS THAT'S PRICED ACCORDING TO YOUR INCOME.

Now, there's primary and preventive health care for your kids that's priced according to your ability to pay. It's called **Healthy Kids**, and it's sponsored by The Massachusetts Department of Medical Security and administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Healthy Kids gives children the basic care they need to stay healthy, right from the start. And by staying healthy, they'll have a better chance to meet the challenges of the future.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children who are Massachusetts residents and not currently covered by public or private insurance for primary and preventive health care services are eligible for the program from the time they are born until their sixth birthday.



A PLAN FOR KEEPING YOUR KIDS HEALTHY

Healthy Kids offers your children the following primary and preventive care:

- Routine checkups
- Treatment for illness or injury in a physician's office or community health center. **Healthy Kids** covers up to ten visits a year (in addition to the routine checkups).
- Related routine lab and X-ray services
- Prescription drugs (up to \$100 per year in benefits)

OUR DOCTORS KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY

Your children may see any Blue Cross and Blue Shield participating doctor. That gives you lots of choices because over 90% of the physicians in Massachusetts participate. Ask your doctor if he or she

participates with Blue Cross and Blue Shield or call us toll-free at 1-800-262-3564.

OUR PRICES KEEP YOUR BUDGET HEALTHY

We believe that every child deserves affordable basic health care. So **Healthy Kids** is priced according to your family's income. The chart below shows how affordable **Healthy Kids** is. To find out your family income level, see the enclosed family income chart.

HOW TO GET HEALTHY KIDS COVERAGE

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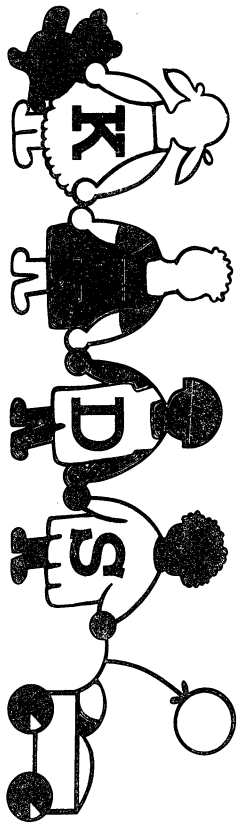


FAMILY INCOME LEVEL (See enclosed chart.)	MONTHLY PREMIUM COST	CO-PAYMENTS	ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLE
Below 133% of federal poverty income guidelines	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE
Between 134% and 200% of federal poverty income guidelines	NO CHARGE	\$1.00	\$5.00
Between 201% and 300% of federal poverty income guidelines	\$16.28	\$2.00	\$10.00
Between 301% and 400% of federal poverty income guidelines	\$16.28	\$3.00	\$15.00
Above 401% of federal poverty income guidelines	\$40.71	\$5.00	\$20.00

Please Note

- Premiums are effective through December 1993.
- Co-payments apply to pharmacy benefits and to sick visits in a primary care setting (by any provider who is not a specialist).
- The deductible is a one-time annual charge applied toward laboratory and X-ray services and to sick visits provided by a specialist.

Now, Health Insurance for Kids That Fits Every Parent's Budget.



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Blue Cross and Blue Shield's Policy on Collection and Release of Information

We may collect information from your health care providers, other insurance companies, or your employer to help us determine your coverage and administer your benefits. The information we collect will not be released to another party without your permission, except as authorized by law. You have the right to access the information we collect and to request a correction of any information you believe is incorrect. A more detailed description of our information practices is available upon written request.

The Healthy Kids Program is administered by:



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of Massachusetts**

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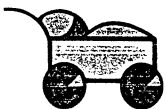
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Duehay, Reeves, Russell,
Sullivan, Toney, Triantafyllou

Consent Order #35

CM-429

Councillor Born re:

Inform parents of children ages birth

through 12 about the availability of the
Children's Medical Security Plan.

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Order adopted