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Alert

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Ask Governor Perdue to Fill the PeachCare Funding Gap Until Congress Acts

As you know, Georgia's PeachCare for Kids program is facing a temporary \$131 million shortfall in federal funds. If the shortfall is not addressed, state officials say PeachCare for Kids will run out of funding by March 2007, and the 270,000 children in the program as well as future enrollees will lose their health care coverage.

A federal fix is likely, but may come too late to prevent the program from closing down in March. You and our state officials have done a great job of contacting the Georgia Congressional delegation. Our delegation members assure us Congress intends to address the State Child Health Insurance Program funding shortfall. However, federal action may come too late to prevent children from losing their PeachCare health coverage for a period of time.

Governor Perdue must act now to keep our children covered. While he and our legislators have worked hard to get Congress to act, he and the General Assembly do have options for fixing the problem themselves in the meantime. They can use state funds to fill the gap or they can leverage federal Medicaid dollars to cover the children. Either way, they can and must protect our children.

You can help our children! We all need to contact Governor Perdue and ask for his leadership to fix the PeachCare shortfall now. Contact Governor Perdue today! Ask him to fill the PeachCare funding gap so that families will know their children's coverage can continue. Ask Governor Perdue not to let these children face the dangers of going without insurance. Here is Governor Perdue's contact information:

Address: The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Governor, State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334

Telephone: (404) 656-1776; Fax: (404) 657-7332

e-mail: http://www.gov.state.ga.us/contact_dom.shtml

If you are able to send a fax, please do so.

Thank you for your help to keep children covered!

Please pardon duplicate e-mails. You may be on more than one list.

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