

Urge the Governor to veto SB 539

As we reported in Friday's Insider newsletter, SB 539 passed the House last week by a vote of 89-69 (6 Republicans voted against it). Because there were no amendments to the bill it now moves to the Governor for his signature. Most likely the bill will be signed by the Governor relatively quickly but it is still important for advocates to voice their opposition directly to the Governor as soon as possible. Please call today and tell him to veto SB 539 on behalf of all of Missouri's children. Many of the provisions of the bill can still be impacted in the budget appropriations process but many can't. SB 539 will result in

- 1) 23,000 children losing their health insurance because their parents will be unable to pay the new CHIP premiums.
- 2) 9000 children losing their health insurance because of new stricter annual review procedures.
- 3) 4621 losing their adoption subsidy resulting in fewer children in permanent families.
- 4) Thousands more children losing their health insurance due to new affordable insurance definition under the CHIP application process.

Call today and urge the Governor to veto the bill. We must make our voices heard.

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