

HB 1625 -- Notice of Eligibility for the State Children's Health Insurance Program

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Beginning January 1, 2010, this bill requires the reporting of health insurance information on Missouri income tax returns for all dependent children claimed. If any child doesn't have health care coverage and the taxpayer's household income doesn't exceed the highest income level under the federal poverty guidelines, the Department of Revenue must provide notice to the taxpayer of the possible eligibility for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and provide enrollment information as developed by the Department of Social Services to the taxpayer.

The Department of Revenue, in collaboration with the Department of Social Services, must annually report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the number of families claiming a state exemption for dependent children, the number claiming a state exemption for dependent children who indicate that they have no dependent health coverage, the number receiving information on the SCHIP, and the number receiving information who applied to the SCHIP.