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Advocates announce campaign to restore children's health insurance *Release report showing premiums decrease participation*

(BOSTON, MA) – With the number of uninsured children growing and health programs being cut, Senator Richard Moore, Representative Peter Koutoujian, advocates, and pediatricians will announce a legislative campaign to restore children's access to state health insurance programs. The campaign will seek to restore funding to the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP), which now has over 6,500 children on a waitlist. The campaign also aims to restore affordable premiums for children in CMSP and MassHealth.

In a report to be released at the press event, the Massachusetts Children's Health Access Coalition will report that the new and increased premiums for low-income children will make it difficult for many parents to afford health coverage for their children. The report predicts further cuts in CMSP and MassHealth due to limited funding, and growing numbers of uninsured children.

- When:** Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at 2:00
- Who:** Senator Richard Moore and other legislators
- What:** Press conference to announce legislative campaign and release the report *Losing Ground: How Enrollment Caps and High Premiums Have Put Children's Health Care Out of Reach* [working title]
- Where:** State House, Room A-2