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## Millions of kids lack coverage

More than one in four children lack access to health care at some point during the year, a report out today says.

While 9 million children are uninsured, the Children's Health Fund estimates that an additional 11.5 million will go without insurance for at least part of the year. In addition, it estimates that 3.2 million more can't get to doctors, dentists and hospitals because of transportation problems.

Other reports have shown smaller numbers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that about 9.6 million children lack insurance for part of the year.

The Children's Health Fund report draws on earlier research done by others, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Rural Health Association.

The report comes as Congress considers reauthorizing the Children's Health Insurance Program, a taxpayer-subsidized program.

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