

Table 2
Length of Time a Child is Required to Be Uninsured
Prior to Enrolling in Children's Health Coverage[†]
January 2008

Total Number of States Without a Waiting Period	At Implementation	January 08
	11	14
Alabama ¹	3	3
Alaska ²	12	12
Arizona	6	3
Arkansas ³	12	6
California	3	3
Colorado	3	3
Connecticut	6	2
Delaware	6	6
District of Columbia	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
Florida	<i>None</i>	6
Georgia	3	6
Hawaii	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
Idaho	6	6
* Illinois ⁴	3	None (12)
* Indiana	3	3
Iowa	6	<i>None</i>
Kansas	6	<i>None</i>
Kentucky	6	6
* Louisiana	3	None
Maine	3	3
Maryland	6	6
Massachusetts	<i>None</i>	6 (200-300% FPL)
Michigan	6	6
Minnesota ³	4	4
Mississippi	6	<i>None</i>
Missouri +	6	6 (150-300% FPL)
Montana	3	1
Nebraska	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
Nevada	6	6
New Hampshire	6	6
New Jersey	12	3
New Mexico	12	6
* New York	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
* North Carolina	6	<i>None</i>
North Dakota	6	6
* Ohio	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
* Oklahoma	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
Oregon	6	6
Pennsylvania ⁵ -	<i>None</i>	6 (200-300% FPL)
Rhode Island	4	<i>None</i>
South Carolina	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
South Dakota	3	3
Tennessee -	<i>None</i>	3
Texas ¹ +	3	3
Utah ¹	3	3
Vermont ⁶	1	1
Virginia	12	4
* Washington	4	4
* West Virginia -	6	6 (<200% FPL) 12 (200-220% FPL)
* Wisconsin ³	3	3
Wyoming	1	1

SOURCE: Based on a national survey conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 2008. See notes on following page.

Notes for Table 2

- + Indicates that a state has shortened this period between July 2006 and July 2007, unless noted otherwise.
- Indicates that a state has lengthened this period between July 2006 and July 2007, unless noted otherwise.

† The length of time a child is required to be uninsured prior to enrolling in health coverage is sometimes referred to as the waiting period. Exceptions to the waiting periods vary by state. **For states represented in the table in bold**, the waiting period applies to the separate SCHIP program only, unless noted otherwise. States are not permitted to have a waiting period in SCHIP-funded Medicaid expansions without a waiver. **For states represented in the table not in bold**, the waiting period applies to SCHIP-funded Medicaid expansions.

* Several states have passed legislation to use SCHIP funds to expand their children's health coverage programs to children in families with income up to 300 percent of the federal poverty line or higher. These states are noted with an asterisk (*). Information about the waiting periods associated with these expansions can be found in Table IA.

Table presents rules in effect as of July 2007, unless noted otherwise.

1. In **Alabama**, **Texas** and **Utah** the waiting period is 90 days.
2. In **Alaska**, the waiting period applies only to children covered under the SCHIP-funded Medicaid expansion.
3. In **Arkansas** and **Minnesota**, the waiting period applies only to children covered under Medicaid Section 1115 waiver programs. In **Wisconsin**, the waiting period applies only to children covered under the Section 1115 waiver and the SCHIP-funded Medicaid expansion.
4. In **Illinois**, the waiting period applies only to children covered under the state-funded expansion.
5. In **Pennsylvania**, children under 2 years old are exempt from the 6-month waiting period.
6. In **Vermont**, the waiting period is 30 days.