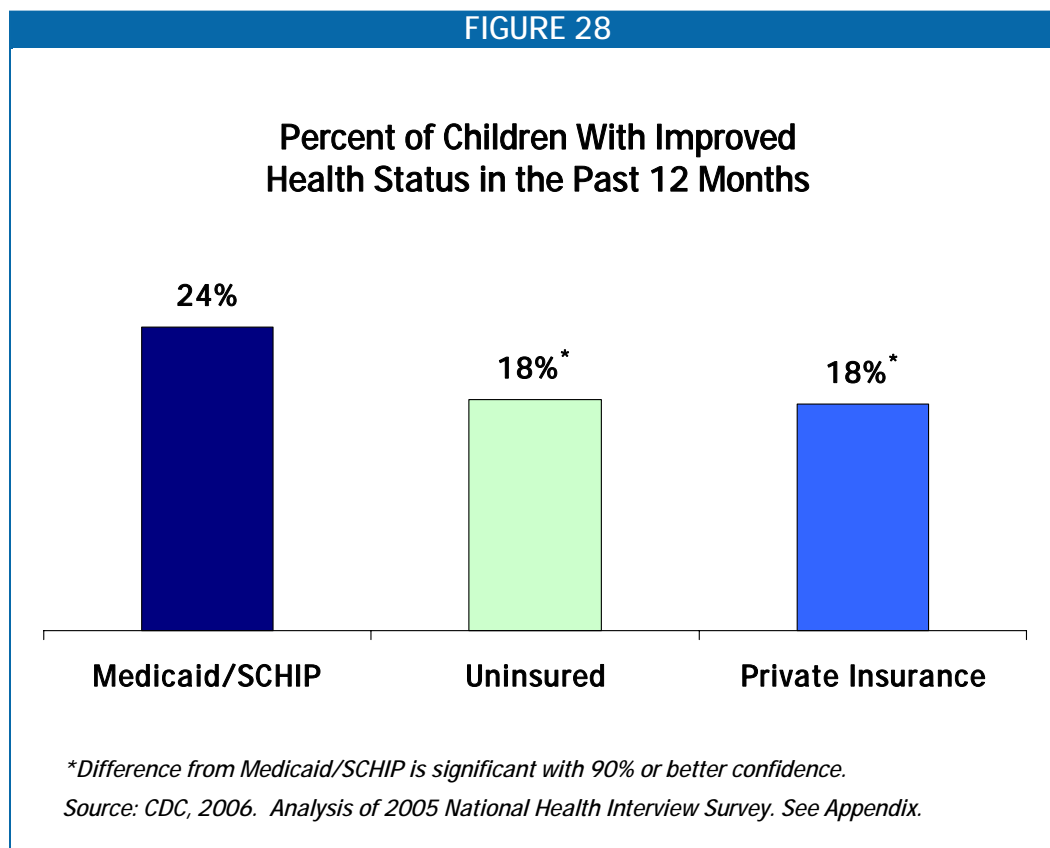


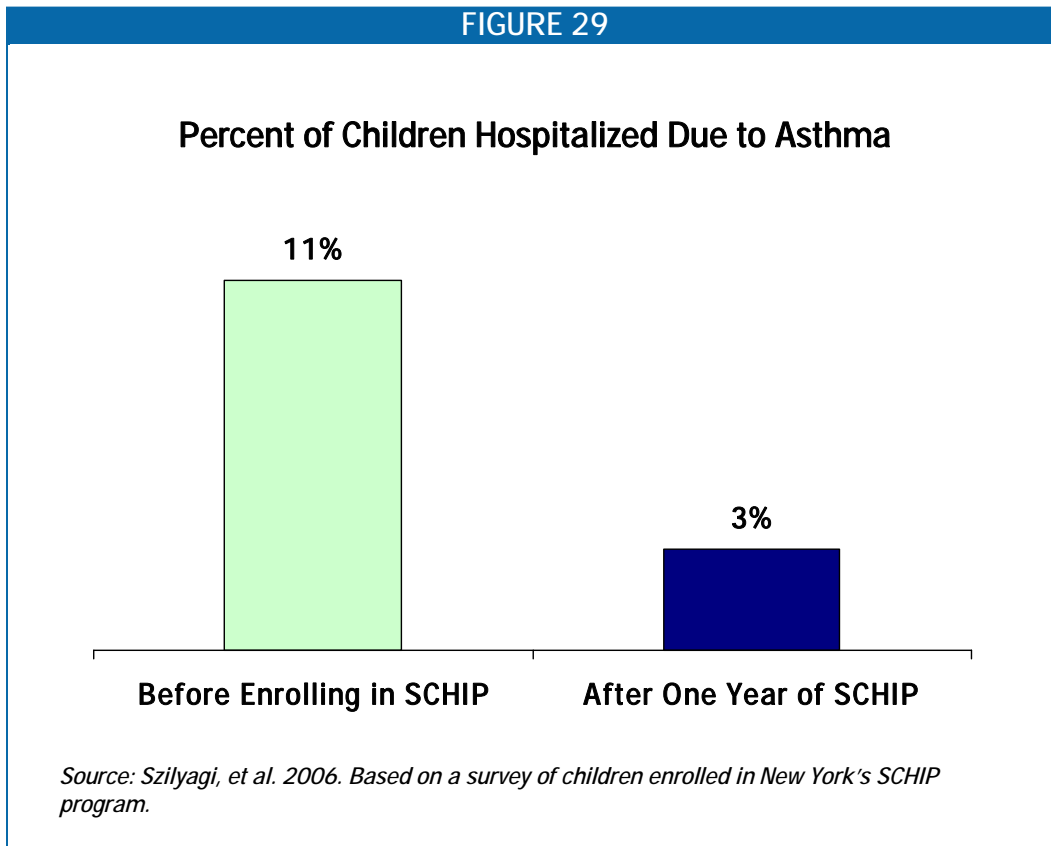
CHILDREN ENROLLED IN MEDICAID OR SCHIP HAVE IMPROVED HEALTH

- By strengthening access to affordable medical and dental care, Medicaid and SCHIP can improve children's health status. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that roughly one-quarter of the children covered by Medicaid and SCHIP are in better health now than they were 12 months ago, according to their parents or caretakers. This improvement exceeds the gains reported for uninsured and privately insured children. (Some parents report that their children are about the same or are in worse health than they were a year before; these percentages are smaller for children on Medicaid or SCHIP.)
- These findings are consistent with recently published evaluations of the SCHIP programs in California, Kansas, and Iowa. Each of these evaluations found that children's health status improved after children entered the program and were enrolled for a period (Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, 2002; Fox *et al.*, 2003; Damiano *et al.*, 2003).



ASTHMATIC CHILDREN HAVE FEWER PROBLEMS AFTER BEING COVERED BY SCHIP

- Researchers in New York studied the medical care and medical status of asthmatic children just after enrollment in SCHIP and after they were covered for one year (Szilyagi *et al.*, 2006). They found that access to care for these children improved markedly after enrollment.
- The study also found that children had fewer asthma attacks after being enrolled in SCHIP for a year; the average number of attacks per year fell from 9.5 to 3.8. In addition, the proportion of children who were hospitalized due to asthma fell from by roughly three-fourths.
- Over two-thirds of the parents of children enrolled in SCHIP said their children’s asthma (as well as the care they received) was “better” or “more than better” than before, usually because their children now had coverage or affordable access to medications and medical care.



CHILDREN'S SCHOOL PERFORMANCE IMPROVES AFTER THEY ARE ENROLLED IN SCHIP

- An evaluation of California's SCHIP program found that parents reported improvements in their children's school performance improved substantially after they had been enrolled in SCHIP for one year (Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, 2002). The average rating for paying attention in class climbed by more than two-thirds, as did the average rating for keeping up with school activities. (These ratings are based on a questionnaire completed by parents or caretakers, called the Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory.)
- An evaluation of Kansas' SCHIP program found that after children were enrolled in the program for one year, they missed fewer days of school due to illness or injury (Fox *et al.*, 2003).

