

# MEDICAID HELPS CARE FOR CHILDREN IN TODAY'S MILITARY FAMILIES

## MEDICAID MATTERS



While our armed forces provide excellent health care coverage to service members and their families at home and abroad, many military children rely on Medicaid health coverage.

FOR MILITARY KIDS



in military and veteran families depend on Medicaid for health coverage — from healthy kids to children with complex medical conditions.

### CHILDREN OF ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS



**200,000 children** of active service members have health coverage through Medicaid

### CHILDREN OF VETERANS



**3.4 million children** of veterans rely on Medicaid/CHIP to help them reach their full potential

# AMERICA'S MILITARY READINESS AND THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF MEDICAID

Medicaid is an essential program for the children of today's military families, and an essential program for children who will grow up and serve in tomorrow's military. Our military readiness and national security hinge on the investments we make in children's health, today.



Children of service members are **more than 2X** as likely to join the services when they become adults

**80%** of new recruits have a family member who served



## MEDICAID HAS BEEN SHOWN TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES IN CHILDREN

The positive impacts of Medicaid are on par with the benefits from many education reforms, such as reducing elementary school class sizes and adopting school-wide performance standards.

**Compared to uninsured children, Medicaid-covered kids are more likely to have:**



higher school attendance and greater academic **achievement**

leading to **resiliency** and **success** in careers including:



civilian



military



post military



better **health outcomes** as adults



...and higher **lifetime wages and contributions to the tax base**

**Medicaid is good for children and important to our military; we must protect and continue improving it for a better future to our nation.**