

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS FOR STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS

Information compiled by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration, indicates that all states perform some administrative functions for the children's health insurance program (CHIP) at the state level. Administrative functions include distributing applications, determining eligibility, calculating bills and cost sharing, and gathering and analyzing data. One state uses local social services agencies to determine eligibility and eight states use a third party, such as a nonprofit entity, to perform eligibility or other administrative functions. The data compiled by the CMS is shown in the table below.

State	State Agency Administration	Third Party/Private Administration	County/Local Administration
Alabama ¹	Yes	Yes	No
Alaska	Yes	No	No
Arizona	Yes	No	No
Arkansas	Yes	No	No
California ²	Yes	Yes	No
Colorado ³	Yes	Yes	No
Connecticut ⁴	Yes	Yes	No
Delaware	Yes	No	No
District of Columbia	Yes	No	No
Florida ⁵	Yes	Yes	No
Georgia	Yes	No	No
Hawaii	Yes	No	No
Idaho	Yes	No	No
Illinois	Yes	No	No
Indiana	Yes	No	No
Iowa ⁶	Yes	Yes	No
Kansas	Yes	No	No
Kentucky	Yes	No	No
Louisiana	Yes	No	No
Maine	Yes	No	No
Maryland	Yes	No	No
Massachusetts	Yes	No	No
Michigan ⁷	Yes	Yes	No
Minnesota	Yes	No	No
Mississippi ⁸	Yes	Yes	No
Missouri	Yes	No	No
Montana	Yes	No	No
Nebraska	Yes	No	No
Nevada	Yes	No	No
New Hampshire	Yes	No	No
New Jersey	Yes	No	No
New Mexico	Yes	No	No
New York	Yes	No	No
North Carolina ⁹	Yes	No	Yes
North Dakota	Yes	No	No
Ohio	Yes	No	No
Oklahoma	Yes	No	No
Oregon	Yes	No	No
Pennsylvania	Yes	No	No
Rhode Island	Yes	No	No
South Carolina	Yes	No	No
South Dakota	Yes	No	No
Tennessee	Yes	No	No
Texas	Yes	No	No

State	State Agency Administration	Third Party/Private Administration	County/Local Administration
Utah	Yes	No	No
Vermont	Yes	No	No
Virginia	Yes	No	No
Washington	Yes	No	No
West Virginia	Yes	No	No
Wisconsin	Yes	No	No
Wyoming	Yes	No	No
Total	51	8	1

¹ **Alabama** - The Alabama Department of Public Health contracts with the State Employees Insurance Board and independent contractors to perform eligibility determinations, enrollment functions, and premium collections.

² **California** - The California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board oversees the state's CHIP. Administrative functions are performed on a contract basis through a private vendor.

³ **Colorado** - The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing administers the state's CHIP and subcontracts with a private foundation for some administrative functions.

⁴ **Connecticut** - The Connecticut State Medicaid Agency contracts with the Connecticut Children's Medical Center and the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital for administration of the state's CHIP for children with special needs.

⁵ **Florida** - The state's CHIP is administered by the legislatively created Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, a not-for-profit organization supervised by a board of directors chaired by the Insurance Commissioner.

⁶ **Iowa** - The state's non-Medicaid CHIP is administered by a third party contracted with by the Iowa Department of Human Services.

⁷ **Michigan** - Michigan uses a private contractor to administer the state CHIP; however, final eligibility determination is made by state agency staff.

⁸ **Mississippi** - The Mississippi CHIP is administered by a state board; an outreach contractor supports and augments the state outreach activities.

⁹ **North Carolina** - The state CHIP is administered by the state Department of Health and Human Services; local departments of social services make eligibility determinations.