



Healthy Families Program Will Re-Open to Children of California

September 3, 2009, Sacramento, California – Ms. Lesley Cummings, Executive Director of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, the state agency that oversees the state Healthy Families Program, issued the following statement after the Legislature passed AB 1422 (Bass) this afternoon:

"Passage of this bill, in conjunction with the funding generously provided by the state First Five Commission and the program savings enacted by the Board, will allow the Healthy Families Program to continue providing health care coverage to the hundreds of thousands of children throughout the state who are currently enrolled in the program, allow us to enroll children from the waiting list, and re-open the program to new children as well. We are extremely gratified at the bi-partisan efforts of the Governor's Office, the Legislature, the health plans, the First Five Commission, and everyone who has worked so hard to save the Healthy Families Program. There are a lot of people who made this happen, and the children of California are the clear beneficiaries."

The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board will meet on September 16, 2009. Healthy Families Program updates are available on our websites at www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov or www.mrmib.ca.gov.