



Summer, 2015

Subject: Preschool and Kindergarten Enrollment

Dear Parents and Caretakers:

To help assure every child has a healthy start and is ready to learn when pre-school or kindergarten begins, WVCHIP supports the **Kids First** initiative. Kids First is about every child entering pre-school or kindergarten having the opportunity for a comprehensive wellness exam- and starting this year- a preventive dental exam!

Child Wellness Exams: The West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program (WVCHIP) and the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) share this goal. We remind you well child exams are part of your child's health care benefit at no cost. So please get your child's yearly comprehensive wellness exam. A HealthCheck form or copy of the exam results signed by the physician is needed when your child enrolls in Pre-school or Kindergarten, along with your child's immunization record and birth certificate.

Preventive Dental Exams: WVCHIP also covers preventive dental exams as part of the benefit at no cost to your family; PEIA covers it if your family signed up for dental under Mountaineer Flex benefits. Please take a copy of your dental exam form with you for pre-school or kindergarten sign-up.

IMPORTANT: If your child had a comprehensive wellness exam or dental exam within the eleven months preceding kindergarten or pre-school enrollment, you DO NOT need a repeat exam; simply get the form* showing the exam date from your medical provider, and proof of the dental exam with date and signature of dentist. If your child has a regular medical provider, but has not had an exam within the last 11 months, please contact your medical provider to schedule an appointment prior to the start of school.

We are pleased to support **Kids First** to help you help your children to be healthy and to maximize their learning potential.

Sincerely,

The WV Children's Health Insurance Program

*For internet users, a form can be printed if you go to <http://www.chip.wv.gov> and click on CHIPnotes and then click the link to HealthCheck forms under Kids First Initiative.