

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

(Washington, DC)

Total Award: \$170,000 over 1 year

Combating Threats to Health Insurance Coverage for Low-Income Families

To support Combating Threats to Health Insurance Coverage for Low-Income Families, to assure citizen participation in public debates on federal and state tax policies that could threaten government-supported and/or employer-based health insurance. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) will analyze proposed federal tax policies related to two issues: health tax credits and their impact on corporate responsibility for meeting the health needs of employees and on the group insurance market as a whole; and "pay-as-you-go" and entitlement spending caps that would allow revenue-draining tax cuts, but limit spending on domestic health programs, including Medicaid and SCHIP. On the state level, CBPP also will analyze corporate and other tax policies, proposed tax and expenditure limitations (also known as "TABOR" or "Taxpayer Bill of Rights" initiatives) and Medicaid privatization proposals that could affect states' ability to meet the health insurance needs of low-income residents. Based on its analyses, CBPP will provide information to fiscal policy and health-related not-for-profit organizations, policymakers and the media about the potential impact of proposed policies on the health and well being of low-to-moderate income people. In addition, it will provide information and technical assistance to state-based not-for-profits and policymakers about the options available for decreasing negative impacts of federal fiscal policy on states' ability to meet the health insurance needs of their residents.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$90,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

\$80,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*