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New PolicyLab study examines quality of health insurance coverage and access for kids in low-income families

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This month, in JAMA Pediatrics, PolicyLab researchers Dr. David Rubin and Amanda Kreider provide recent data on the relative value of Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and commercial insurance for low- and moderate-income families in the U.S. The data reveal what may seem like surprising benefits of public health insurance programs for children, particularly given concerns about how lower reimbursement rates in public insurance programs may impact access to care. They also reveal some cautionary bellwether warnings in a shifting landscape of access and coverage for children's services. To elaborate further on their findings, in a new blog, the team discusses the need to assess the relative value of these programs to the large number of families who depend on them to ensure the health of their children.

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