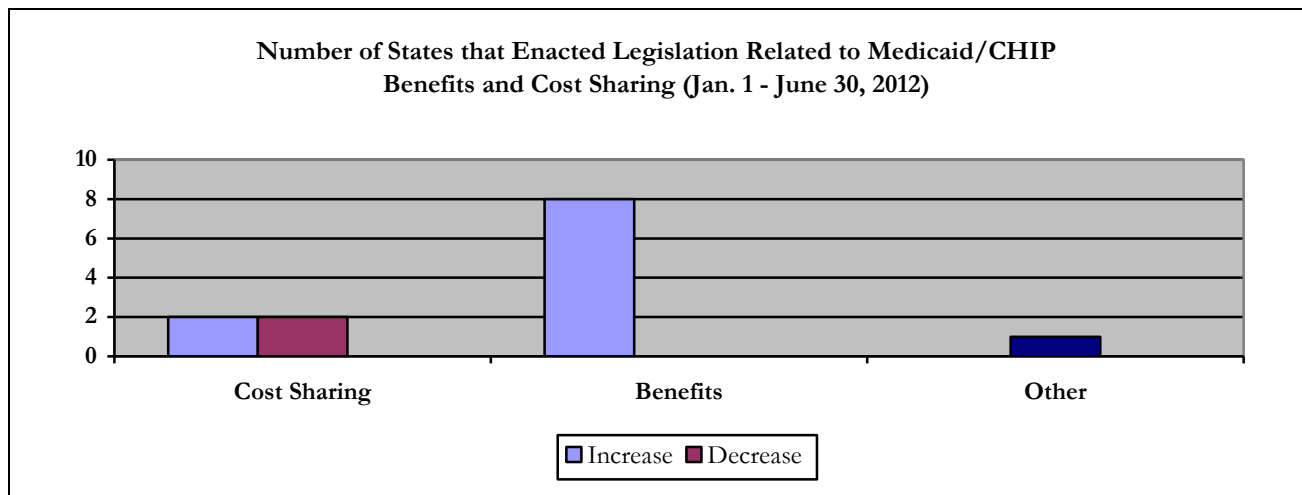


Benefits and Cost Sharing

Ten states enacted legislation to increase Medicaid/CHIP benefits and/or decrease cost sharing requirements. Two states enacted legislation to increase cost-sharing requirements, and no states enacted legislation to limit Medicaid/CHIP benefits. One state enacted legislation related to other benefits and/or cost sharing changes.



Enacted Legislation Affecting Benefits and Cost Sharing

State	Subject	Bill Number	Summary
AL	Increase benefits	H 433	Children who participate in the state's Medicaid Preferred Drug Program and have achieved stable drug therapy for at least 60 days are allowed to continue that drug therapy when requested by the physician
AR	Increase benefits	S 90	Requires Medicaid coverage of early intervention day treatment
CA	Increase cost sharing	A 1467	Requires copayments of \$15 for non-emergency emergency room visits and \$1 or \$3.10 for certain pharmacy services

This chart is intended to illustrate trends in **enacted state legislation** that impacts children's health care and children's hospitals; the information provided in this document does not reflect all state actions on a selected issue.

GA	Decrease cost sharing	H 742	Reduces CHIP copayments ²
IA	Increase benefits	S 2158	Requires the state to provide Medicaid reimbursement to licensed speech pathologists
IL	Increase cost sharing	S 2840	Medicaid copayments are increased to the federal maximum for non-emergency care provided in the emergency room
KY	Decrease cost sharing	H 265	Suspends CHIP premiums for FY 2013 and 2014
LA	Increase benefits	H 1	Allows the state to cover fluoride varnish for children
MI	Increase benefits	H 5365	Directs the CHIP program to cover all benefits available under the state employee insurance plan and provides Medicaid and CHIP coverage for autism-related services for children through the age of 18
MN	Increase benefits	S 1543	Provides Medicaid coverage of community paramedic services for beneficiaries who have received hospital emergency services three or more times in four consecutive months or have been identified as someone for whom these paramedic services could prevent hospital admission/readmission
MN	Increase benefits	H 2294	Requires Medicaid coverage of inpatient mental health services provided by a physician assistant
MS	Increase benefits	S 2700	Authorizes Medicaid coverage for pediatric extended care center services for certain medically- or technologically-dependent children with complex medical conditions
NE	Other	L 968	Prohibits the elimination of Medicaid and CHIP coverage for private duty nursing services and oral supplements. Prohibits the Medicaid program from implementing: increased copayments for non-emergency emergency department visits and physical, speech and occupational therapies; a limit on home health services of 240 hours per year; a limit on personal assistance services to 3.5 hours per day and 60 hour per month; and a limit on behavioral health to 60 visits per year.
VT	Increase benefits	H 37	Requires all health plans, including Medicaid, to cover telemedicine services

² This provision was also included in the state's FY 2012 supplemental budget (GA H 741)