

**Time Is Short: SCHIP Still Needs Reauthorization, Families USA Urges Us To Call Our Federal Legislators Today at 1-800-828-0498**

As you may recall, reported in the 12/21/06 CAFAP Conversation, Congress partially funded the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) before the end of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congressional Session. The SCHIP is up for reauthorization this year! Families USA reports that "the House and Senate Budget Committees are making decisions NOW about federal funding levels for the SCHIP Program". Families USA is requesting that Congress add \$60 billion in new federal funds over the next 5 years for the SCHIP to ensure coverage to children already enrolled as well as children who are eligible for SCHIP, but not yet enrolled. If you would like to find out more from Families USA, you may go to <http://www.familiesusa.org/issues/medicaid/medicaid-action/>.