

EXPANDING HEALTHCARE TO MORE MARYLANDERS

Fighting for Reliable Healthcare

The O'Malley Brown Administration is putting *Families First* by securing more than \$6 billion to provide reliable, quality healthcare to more than 700,000 Marylanders.

Healthcare for Working Families and Small Businesses

The O'Malley Brown Administration is expanding on their successful Working Families and Small Business Health Coverage Act that will provide coverage for 125,000 Marylanders that were previously uninsured.

► **Maryland Health Insurance Partnership**

Last year, Governor O'Malley launched a highly successful program to partner with State agencies, health insurers and small businesses so that more families working in our tremendous small business community can gain access to premium health insurance benefits.

► **Medical Assistance to Families**

Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown are strengthening the safety net for our hardest hit families by expanding Medicaid programs to cover parents with incomes of up to \$20,500 for a family of three, or 116% of the federal poverty level.

Expanding Children's Dental Benefits

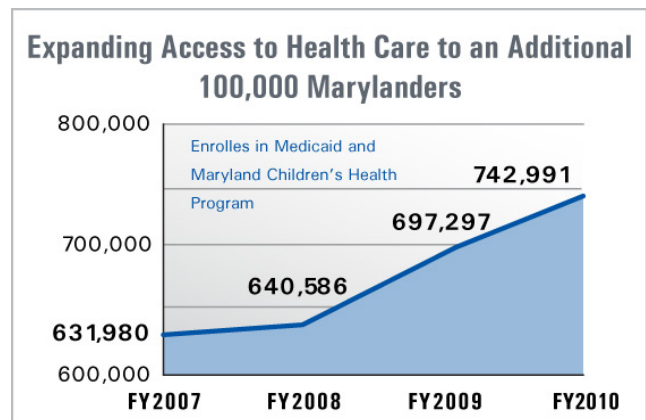
The O'Malley Brown Administration established the Deamonte Driver Project to increase incentives to dentists who provide Medicaid services, break through bureaucratic roadblocks that prevent dental hygienists from providing a full array of services at public health clinics, and expanding access to these vital dental benefits to more Maryland children than ever before.

Closing the Medicare Prescription Drug Donut Hole

Last year, Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown launched a highly successful public-private partnership that ensures that no Maryland senior is forced to choose between putting food on the table and purchasing the prescription drugs they need. This year, the O'Malley Brown Administration fought for an additional \$7 million for this critical program.

Investing in Critical Health Programs in Maryland

Following the passage of President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Governor O'Malley moved swiftly to expand Medicaid by \$1.4 billion so that together, we are expanding healthcare to more Marylanders than ever before, promoting wellness and prevention programs that are crucial to decreasing our health care costs, increasing support for the Women, Infants and Children Program, and ensuring that Maryland's underserved children receive the care they need, all while protecting tens of thousands of health-related jobs that help fuel our economy. (More information available at www.recovery.maryland.gov)



Ending Childhood Hunger in Maryland

The O'Malley Brown Administration, in partnership with Share Our Strength, is on track to become the first state in the nation to end childhood hunger within its borders. The Partnership to End Childhood Hunger in Maryland works to ensure that every child in Maryland has the opportunity to reach their full potential at school and at home, and Governor O'Malley has secured an additional \$22 million to ensure that every child receives a daily, nutritional breakfast and lunch, giving them the opportunity to lead healthy, active lives.

Serving Our Returning Veterans

Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown are committed to serving Maryland veterans who are returning from tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, providing more than \$2.8 million this year for re-entry and behavioral health services.