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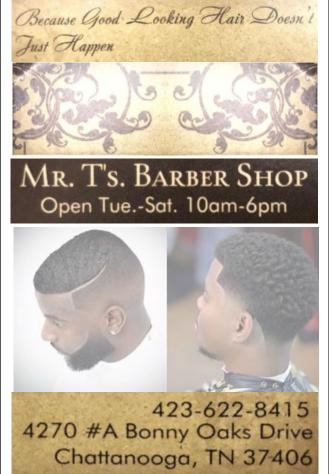


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Black Teen From Florida Earns \$4M in Scholarships, Accepted to 27 Universities

Nationwide — Jonathan Walker, a teenager from Panama City, Florida, has been accepted to all the 27 universities to which he applied. He also received a total of more than \$4 million in scholarships.

"It's so crazy to think about that I applied to all these colleges and I got in," Walker told ABC7.

Walker, who is a senior at Rutherford High School, doesn't only excel academically. He is a member of the varsity football team as well as the IB program and the science club.

Walker also enjoys creating assistive devices. He invented a device that helps people who are blind and/ or deaf.

Most recently, he has been accepted to 27 schools including the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, MIT, Yale, and John Hopkins. He plans on double majoring in electrical engineering and biomedical engineering as he aims to develop



technology that would mainly help disabled people.

With all the achievements he received, Walker said all he could feel was gratitude. He also credits his success to his family.

"I really do look up to them because like they showed me what it's like to be passionate about something," he said.

Health Insurance Coverage For Kids Through Medicaid & CHIP Helps Their Moms Too

By Sebastian Tello-Trillo Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Economics, University of Virginia

The big idea

When children get health insurance through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program, known as CHIP, their families benefit That's what I found through re-

cent research conducted with two fellow health economists, Daniel S. Grossman and Barton Willage. And it was particularly true for their mothers, who become 5% more likely to be in a stable marriage and experience a 5.8% reduction in stress levels. Moms are also less likely to smoke cigarettes

and drink heavily. We figured this out by comparing the rates for marriage, mental health conditions and health behaviors of

mothers whose children are eligible

for Medicaid or CHIP, a joint effort

by states and the federal government to cover kids in families with relatively modest incomes that are too high for Medicaid eligibility, with mothers whose children are less eligible for these programs.

We also compared the employment status of low-income mothers of children who obtained health insurance eligibility with those who did

Why it matters

Some 4.3 million children under the age of 19, or 5.6% of all U.S. kids, lacked health insurance coverage in 2020 – the most recent data available. President Joe Biden's proposed Build Back Better Act, currently stalled in

the Senate, would help close this gap. States set their own eligibility requirements for Medicaid and CHIP, and these thresholds range widely. El-

igibility usually depends on a child's

age, the number of people in the

household and the family's income.

For example, in Oregon, a 3-yearold in a family of three with an annual income of US\$33,000 would not be eligible. That same child living in Wisconsin, however, would be. And Wisconsin's policies are not even the most generous in the nation.

Previously, researchers have primarily measured the effectiveness of the Medicaid and CHIP programs for children by assessing direct effects related to their own health. Our study shows that gaining access to government-provided health insurance covin positive ways.

erage also affects a child's household One reason that's important: Prior research has shown that growing up in

a stable home benefits a child's cognitive development. What still isn't known Our study complements previous

research suggesting that obtaining

health insurance coverage through

Medicaid and CHIP has long-term

effects for children, such as through higher educational achievement. But how that happens remains unclear. That is, do these kids perform better in school because their health is typically better than it would have been – or something else?

Another question that remains is whether these patterns crop up when people gain access to other beneficial programs. For example, when children with special needs obtain the services they require, does it also benefit their parents? Or how does student loan forgiveness improve the lives of people in a household besides the person who owed the money? What's next

We focused on moms because maternal data was more readily available. In the future, we would like to do further research to see whether the benefits for the fathers of children who gain health insurance coverage through Medicaid and CHIP are simi-