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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH
INSURANCE PROGRAM BEING SIGNED INTO LAW**

WASHINGTON, DC— Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, today released the following statement on the signing of the Children's Health Insurance Program into law:

“Our country has just made a clear commitment to guarantee quality, affordable health care to 4 million more American children. Four million more children will have a family doctor and enjoy the opportunities in life that come from a childhood lived in good health. Four million more families will no longer have to make impossible choices between paying for medical care of a sick child or meeting other urgent family needs. I commend President Obama for making this bill one of his earliest priorities and Congress for answering that call in a bipartisan way. It bodes well for our goals of enacting comprehensive health reform for all our people.”

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