

Health Care: Just the Facts

During his campaign for President, President Obama said one of his biggest goals was to provide health care for more young people. In February, the President signed into law an expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The President says this is the first step toward meeting his goal.

Directions: Visit www.scholastic.com/healthcare to read "Health Care for More Kids" on Scholastic News Online. This article was written the day before President Obama approved expanding the program. Write **F** next to sentences that are facts and **O** next to sentences that are opinions.

- _____ 1. The acronym SCHIP stands for State Children's Health Insurance Program.
- _____ 2. Updating the program to provide more health care is a great idea!
- _____ 3. SCHIP will now provide health insurance to an additional 4 million kids.
- _____ 4. Personally, I don't like the acronym SCHIP.
- _____ 5. Government should have a very limited role in health care.
- _____ 6. A new cigarette tax will fund the expanded program.
- _____ 7. Politicians estimate the new tax will give more than \$32 billion to SCHIP.
- _____ 8. States have different rules on who is eligible for SCHIP insurance.
- _____ 9. The President supported the bill even before his inauguration.
- _____ 10. This is the most awesome bill the Senate has passed all year!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

President Obama will soon have been President for 100 days! Based on what you know, how well do you think he's doing as President? Explain your opinion.
