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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Continuing to fight for children's healthcare, Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, voted Thursday to pass revised, bipartisan legislation to provide health insurance to 10 million low-income children.

The House overwhelmingly approved H.R. 3963, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act, by a vote of 265 to 142.

"Ten million reasons still exist to pass this legislation," said Eshoo, a cosponsor. "The legislation addresses every significant objection without compromising on the goal to insure children, and it does so in a fiscally responsible way."

As with the CHIP reauthorization bill vetoed by the President, H.R. 3963 renews and improves CHIP by investing \$35 billion over five years to provide healthcare coverage to 10 million low-income children. The bill is fully paid for with a 61-cent increase in the tobacco tax.

The bill includes several provisions added to meet concerns of a minority of House Members who voted against overriding the veto. The provisions exclude adults from CHIP coverage; clarify that non-citizens are ineligible for the program; prohibit federal matching funds to cover children in families earning above 300% of poverty; and reduce the potential to substitute CHIP coverage for private insurance.

The Senate is expected to pass the legislation next week and send it to the President's desk.

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