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SCHIP and BEYOND: Improving Health Care Coverage and Quality for Children

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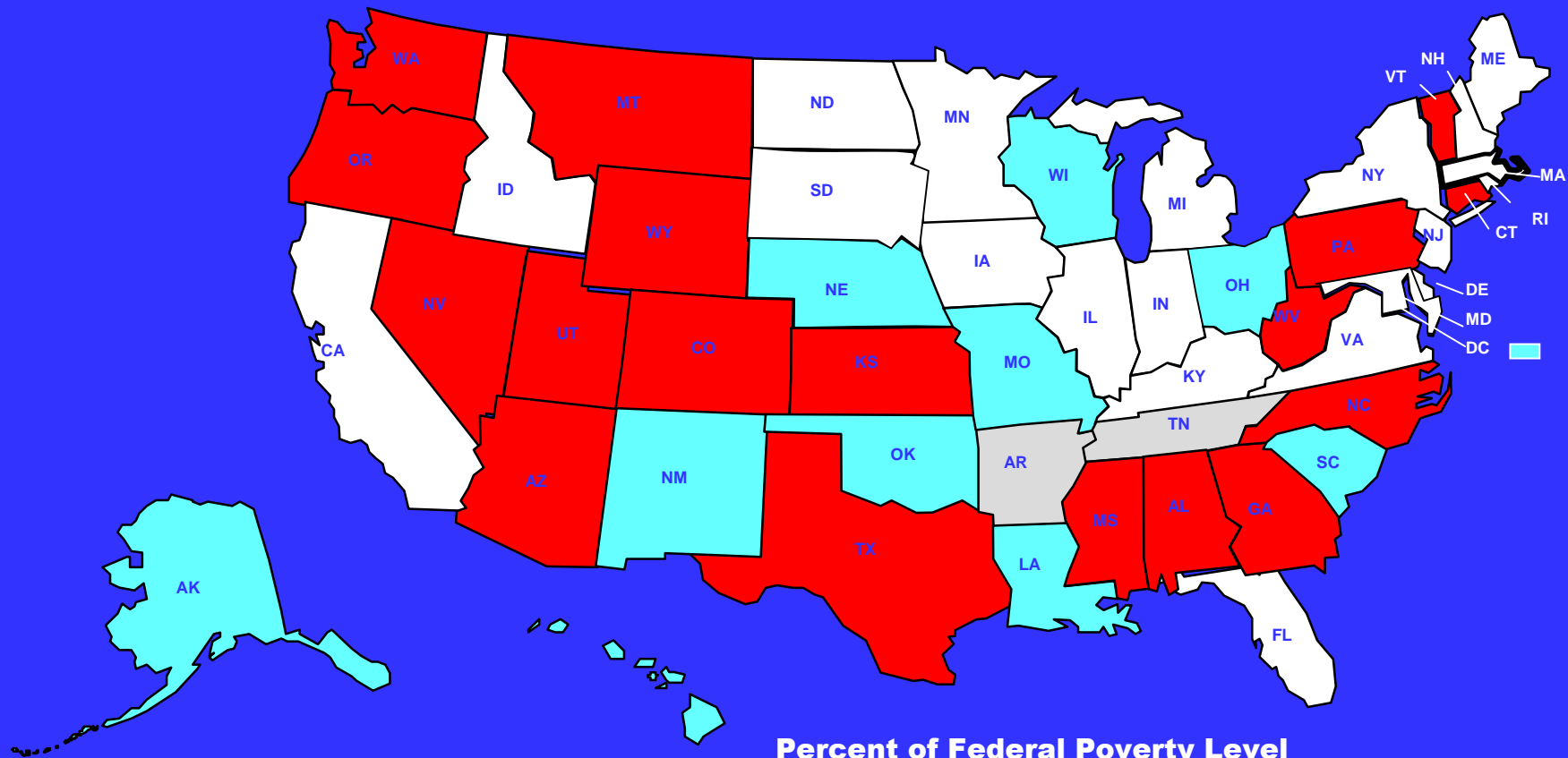
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SCHIP –The Basic Design

- **Adopted as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33) to expand health insurance coverage for low-income children**
- **States may develop SCHIP programs by expanding Medicaid programs, developing alternative, stand-alone state SCHIP programs, or creating a program that is a combination of Medicaid and SCHIP**
- **SCHIP is financed by both the federal and state governments and is administered by the states**
 - **Within federal guidelines, each state determines its specific program design, eligibility categories, covered benefits, provider payments, and administrative and operating procedures.**
 - **States receive an enhanced federal matching rate that exceeds their federal Medicaid match by about 30 percent, with the federal share capped at 85 percent.**

State Variation in Type of SCHIP Program



Percent of Federal Poverty Level

- Separate SCHIP
- Medicaid Expansion
- SCHIP/Medicaid Combo
- No Data Available



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, Statehealthfacts.org.

