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#### **Governor to Expand Eligibility for the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund**

Governor Christie Whitman on Monday will sign a bill (S- 1399) easing the eligibility criteria for the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund. Families with uncovered medical expenses for a child which exceed 10 percent of the family income may now qualify for financial assistance. The Governor will be joined in the outer office for the signing by four families who have recently received awards from the fund. The families are from Middlesex, Burlington, Atlantic and Salem Counties.