Week 5 Policymaking Assignment Template:

Please fill out the template in the boxes on the right side of each prompt. Each box will expand as you write. Please see the integrated Week 5 Policymaking assignment instructions, examples, sources, and grading rubric for guidance.

Name: Student Name: Class: POLI 330 Professor Name: .... Date: 08/10/2025	
State the name of your chosen topic from the provided list OR choose a topic of your own.	Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
Provide a brief background of issues that may have led to the policy.	-This policy was created in 1997 as part of the Balanced Budget Act to address the healthcare coverage gap for children in working families. -The purpose of this policy is to provide health insurance coverage to children in families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford private insurance. -Approximately 10 million children were uninsured in the mid-1990s, creating a significant public health concern. - Many working families fell into a "coverage gap" where income exceeded Medicaid thresholds but was insufficient for private insurance premiums. - State Medicaid eligibility varied dramatically, with some states covering children at 44% of poverty level while others covered up to 133%. - Emergency room usage increased for non-emergency pediatric care due to lack of regular healthcare access.
How does the	- CHIP currently provides health coverage to approximately 9.6 million children and pregnant women annually across all 50

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