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Passage of healthcare reform signals a dramatic boost in the economic security of families by removing one of its important threats – the cost of medical care. Health insurance now will join other essential programs that help working poor families to fill the gaps between their earnings and basic expenses to secure child health and well-being.

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