MEDICAID: Its Role Today and Under the Affordable Care Act

Medicaid Plays an Important Role for Many Americans Today

Medicaid covers:
- 1 IN 5 NONELDERLY AMERICANS
- 2 IN 5 POOR AMERICANS
- 1 IN 3 CHILDREN

**LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS***

- 59% Children
- 22% Adults

**HIGH-NEED POPULATIONS**

- 20% Medicare Beneficiaries
- 70% Nursing Home Residents

*Below 200% of the Poverty Level or $36,180 for a family of 3 in 2012

Medicaid Improves Access to Needed Care

**ADULTS WITHOUT A USUAL SOURCE OF CARE**

- Private Insurance: 10%
- Medicaid: 10%
- Uninsured: 53%

**ADULTS GOING WITHOUT NEEDED CARE DUE TO COST**

- 4%
- 10%
- 26%

The Elderly and Disabled Account for the Majority of Medicaid Spending

- 63 MILLION ENROLLEES
- Most are children and parents

- $347 BILLION
- Most spending is for the elderly and disabled

Per Capita Medicaid Spending Growth Is Slower Than Private Health Care Spending

2007–2010

- MEDICAID: 3.4%
- PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE: 5.3%

Medicaid's Role Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

**THE UNINSURED**

- ANNUAL INCOME FOR A FAMILY OF 3
- SOURCE OF COVERAGE

- 10%
- $76,360
- (400% of Poverty Level)
- PRIVATE INSURANCE

- 37%
- $26,535–$76,169
- (139%–399% of Poverty Level)
- PRIVATE INSURANCE WITH SUBSIDIES

- 54%
- LESS THAN $26,535
- (<139% of Poverty Level)
- MEDICAID

Prior to the ACA, Medicaid eligibility varied widely by state and category. More than half of America's 49 million uninsured fall in the income range targeted by the ACA's Medicaid expansion which sets minimum eligibility levels at 133% of the Poverty Level across all states.

The ACA Medicaid expansion offers:

- Coverage eligibility for 22 million uninsured adults

- Substantial federal funds to states, covering more than 90% of the new cost over the next decade

But following the Supreme Court decision, some states may choose not to implement the Medicaid expansion.


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