

MEDICAID: THE 2019-2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



Exhibit 1: Strategies deployed by states to support Medicaid enrollment during COVID-19, 2020

Strategy	Total N=51 ^a	Medicaid Expansion States ^{**} N=36	Non-Expansion States N=15
Dedicated phone for enrollment assistance. ^{**}	100%	100%	100%
Ability to enroll online or over-the-phone. ^{**}	100%	100%	100%
Phone number for assistance on state Medicaid website.	92%	97%	80%
Real-time eligibility determinations (<24 hours).	92%	97%	81%
Interview not required (in-person or telephone).	82%	81%	87%
Requirements waived for timely processing of applications and/or expanded immigration status verification period.	60% ^a	66% ^a	47%
Additional entities allowed to determine presumptive eligibility.	55% ^d	59% ^d	47%
Information on state department of health's website on Medicaid enrollment during COVID-19.	45%	64%	0%
State has a hospital presumptive eligibility program.	48% ^c	55% ^c	33%
Medicaid agency allowed to determine presumptive eligibility; excluding pregnancy.	44% ^d	46% ^d	40%
State accepts self-attestation of information for criteria besides citizenship/immigration.	29% ^a	35% ^a	13%
State adopted a simplified application form.	6%	8%	0%

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Other Notable Medicaid Resources

- Kaiser Family Foundation's [10 Things to Know about Medicaid: Setting the Facts Straight](#)
- Georgetown Center for Children and Families released a blog: [Recent Medicaid Expansion Activity in Eight States during the COVID-19 Crisis](#)
- Georgetown Center for Children and Families released a blog: [Expanding Medicaid Would Help Keep Rural Hospitals Open in 14 Non-Expansion States](#)

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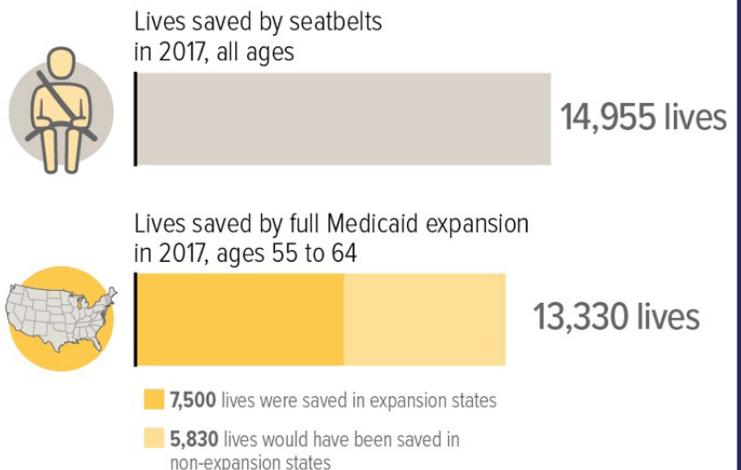


The Ever-Growing Discoveries in the Benefits of Medicaid Coverage:

- Studies show expanding Medicaid has both health and economic benefits – including better access to care and less bad debt for enrollees and health care systems
- Provides high-quality health insurance to over 65 million children and adults
- Increases housing stability by decreasing evictions
- Lifts low-income Americans out of poverty especially children, seniors, people of color and those living with disabilities
- Eliminates catastrophic out-of-pocket medical expenditures
- Mitigated health disparities between white and Black infants
- Supports community health systems, particularly for rural communities, nationwide
- Promotes access to cost-effective primary and preventive care services
- Earlier breast, colorectal and cervical cancer screening and detection
- Improved access to family planning services
- Reduced food insecurity
- Fewer substance use deaths
- Increased employment of people with disabilities

Medicaid Expansion Could Save as Many Lives as Seatbelts

If all states expanded Medicaid, the lives saved each year among older adults would nearly equal those of all ages saved by seatbelts.



Note: Older people are those aged 55 to 64 at the onset of the study period, 2014.
Source: National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration and Miller et al., "Medicaid and Mortality," 2019

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Footnotes

1. <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/status-of-state-medicaid-expansion-decisions-interactive-map/>
2. <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20200612.887360/full/>
3. <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/new-research-medicaid-expansion-saves-lives>