



Resources on the Medicaid Expansion

- **“How Health Reform’s Medicaid Expansion Will Impact State Budgets: Federal Government Will Pick Up Nearly All Costs, Even as Expansion Provides Coverage to Millions of Low-Income Uninsured Americans,” Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (July 12, 2012), available at: <http://tinyurl.com/7jt76ys>.**
This brief finds that claims by some governors that states will bear a substantial share of the costs of expanding Medicaid which would drain state budgets, do not hold up under scrutiny.
- **Jocelyn Guyer and Martha Heberlein, “Extending Medicaid Coverage Provides Good Value to States & Uninsured People,” Say Ahhh! Blog Post (July 9, 2012), available at: <http://tinyurl.com/79ejwmq>.**
- **“Opting Out of the Medicaid Expansion under the ACA: How Many Uninsured Adults Would not Be Eligible for Medicaid?” Urban Institute (July 5, 2012), available at <http://tinyurl.com/7z2xavt>.**
Of 22.3 million uninsured Americans who could be potentially eligible for Medicaid under the ACA, 67 percent (15.1 million) are adults not currently eligible for Medicaid. Of this group, 11.5 million have incomes below poverty and would not qualify for any other subsidized coverage.
- **“Consider Savings as Well as Costs: State Governments Would Spend at Least \$90 Billion Less With the ACA than Without It from 2014 to 2019,” Urban Institute (July 13, 2011), available at: <http://tinyurl.com/74ycp88>.**
This report finds that state governments are likely to spend \$92-\$129 billion less from 2014 to 2019 with implementation of the Affordable Care Act, thanks to provisions reducing the uninsured population and increasing federal support for health care previously financed by states.
- **“The Health Status of New Medicaid Enrollees Under Health Reform: Timely Analysis of Immediate Health Policy Issues,” Urban Institute (August 2010), available at <http://tinyurl.com/84nn2mf>.**
This report provides a detailed look at the demographic and health characteristics of the population who will be newly eligible for Medicaid and concludes, that on average, this population is likely to be healthier and less costly than those currently enrolled in Medicaid.
- **“Financing New Medicaid Coverage Under Health Reform: The Role of the Federal Government and States,” Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured (May 2010), available at: <http://tinyurl.com/7zf68te>.**
This issue brief examines how the federal government and the states are expected to split responsibility for financing the expanded Medicaid coverage.
- **John Holahan and Irene Headen, “Medicaid Coverage and Spending in Health Reform: National and State-by-State Results for Adults at or Below 133% FPL,” Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured (May 2010), available at: <http://tinyurl.com/7a5kbtbf>.**
This analysis shows that the expansion of Medicaid under the health reform law will significantly increase the number of people covered by the program and reduce the uninsured in states across the country, with the federal government picking up the vast majority of the cost.
- **Martha Heberlein, “How Much Will This Cost Us? Key Questions to Ask About State Estimates on Health Reform Costs,” Say Ahhh! Blog Post (April 14, 2010), available at: <http://tinyurl.com/75nd6du>.**