

# Advocate voices

“Medical coverage is a must, especially for new moms who are living with mental health and postpartum depression.

The feeling of being overwhelmed with a new baby and possibly not having health care coverage will only add to stress and barriers to care...If mental health meds are abruptly stopped, this could possibly put someone in crisis mode, having them go into the ER with a newborn baby.

We need our moms to be healthy, both physically and mentally.”

*-Jessica Codero, Senior Community Health Worker for Care Management Initiatives, Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, testimony to MACPAC meeting, January 2021*

# Health Benefits of Medicaid Expansion for Maternal and Infant Health

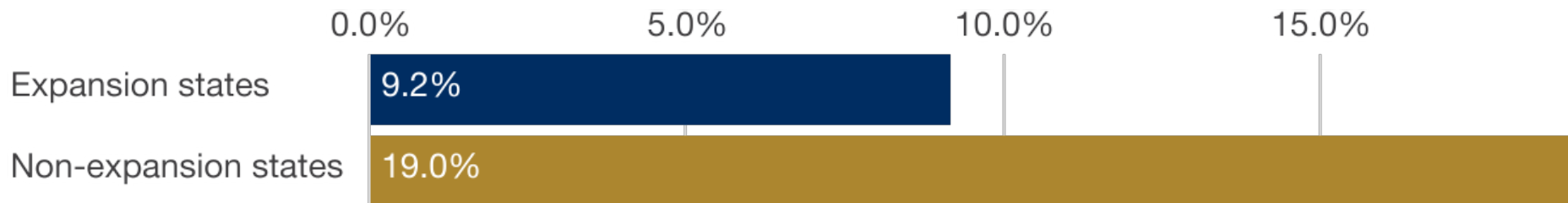
Reductions in maternal mortality, greatest for Black women

Reductions in infant mortality, fewer babies born at low birth weight

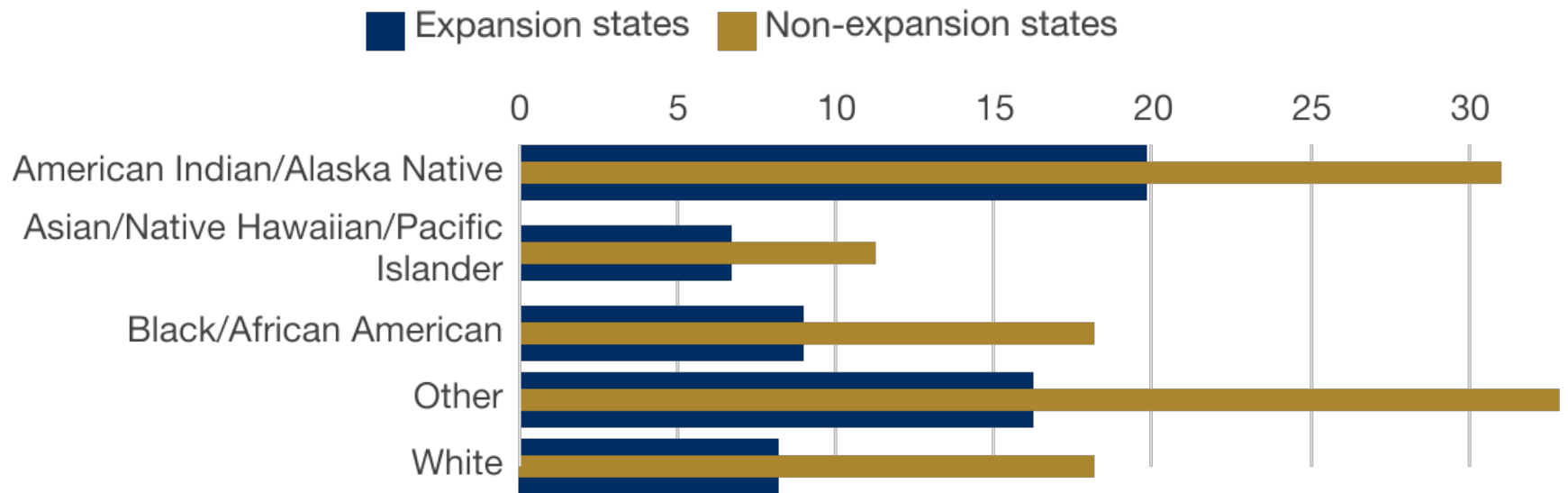
Increased rates of well child visits

Greater utilization of prenatal and postpartum care

## Uninsured Rate for Women of Childbearing Age (18-44) by Expansion Status, 2019



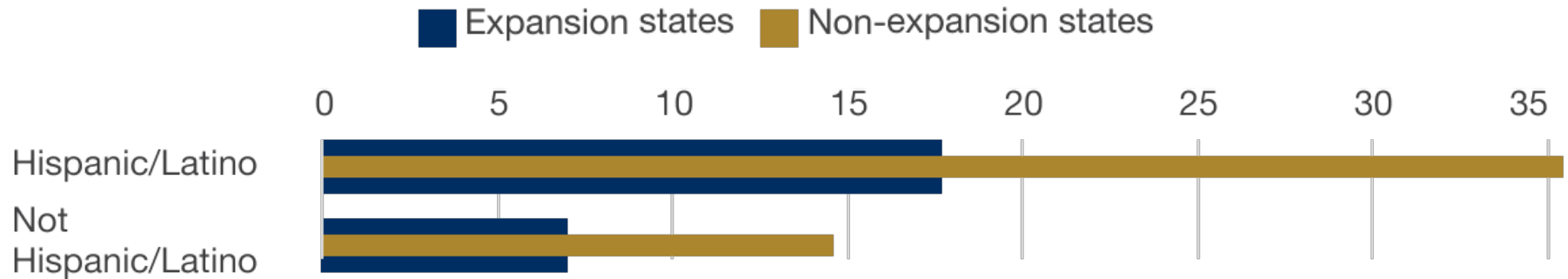
# Uninsured Rate for Women of Childbearing Age (18-44) by Expansion Status and Race, 2019



*Note: "Other" category includes those who identify as "two or more races" or "some other race."*

*\* Indicates that change is significant at the 90% confidence level relative to the category indicated.*

# Uninsured Rate for Women of Childbearing Age (18-44) by Expansion Status and Ethnicity, 2019



*Note: The American Community Survey measures race and ethnicity as two separate facets of an individual's identity. Hispanic/Latino individuals can be of any race.*

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