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Medicaid Enrollment Figures Before and After Implementation of Section 2001 Expansion Authority Under Affordable Care Act

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This brief seeks to provide information to Self-Governance Tribes about enrollment in state Medicaid programs before and after 2014, when states had the option to implement a Medicaid expansion under section 2001 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).¹

Background

Under the ACA, states have the option,² beginning in 2014, to extend Medicaid eligibility to all residents with household incomes at or less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). Federal law prior to the ACA excluded from Medicaid eligibility adults who did not have disabilities, were not pregnant, or did not have dependent children, unless states obtained waivers to expand coverage to these populations. ACA requires states that implement the expansion to extend coverage to all residents who do not otherwise qualify for the program and have household incomes at or less than 138 percent FPL.

The table below compares Medicaid enrollment in states before 2014 and as of June 2015. The figures include enrollment of American Indians and Alaska Natives. As the findings below show, there has been a significant increase overall in Medicaid enrollment following enactment of the ACA. But, results vary significantly by state, based largely on whether the state exercised its Section 2001 expansion authority.

TOTAL MEDICAID ENROLLMENT BEFORE AND AFTER ACA

Figures include all enrollees, including American Indians and Alaska Natives
Numbers in Thousands; *Expansion states as of June 2015 shown in gold*

State	Pre-ACA Average Monthly Enrollment (2013)*	Total Monthly Medicaid/CHIP Enrollment (June 2015)**	Percentage Change
Alabama	799,176	870,026	9%
Alaska*	122,334	122,521	0%
Arizona	1,201,770	1,589,457	32%
Arkansas	556,851	820,769	47%
California	9,157,000	12,627,234	38%
Colorado	783,420	1,261,062	61%
Connecticut	N/A	760,758	N/A

¹ This brief is for informational purposes only and is not intended as legal advice. For questions on this brief, please contact Doneg McDonough, TSGAC Technical Advisor, at DonegMcD@Outlook.com.

² In 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling that effectively made the Medicaid expansion optional for states.

Delaware	223,324	240,302	8%
District of Columbia	235,786	255,352	8%
Florida	3,104,996	3,523,843	14%
Georgia	1,535,090	1,752,620	14%
Hawaii	288,357	328,197	14%
Idaho	238,150	276,608	16%
Illinois	2,626,943	3,131,846	19%
Indiana	1,120,674	1,315,406	17%
Iowa	493,515	597,300	21%
Kansas	378,160	405,663	7%
Kentucky	606,805	1,117,207	84%
Louisiana	1,019,787	1,072,982	5%
Maine	N/A	280,425	N/A
Maryland	856,297	1,101,355	29%
Massachusetts	1,296,359	1,625,669	25%
Michigan	1,912,009	2,308,258	21%
Minnesota	873,040	1,008,993	16%
Mississippi	637,229	706,538	11%
Missouri	846,084	926,289	10%
Montana	148,974	175,195	18%
Nebraska	244,600	232,359	-5%
Nevada	332,560	563,484	69%
New Hampshire	127,082	181,243	43%
New Jersey	1,283,851	1,757,606	37%
New Mexico	457,678	711,541	56%
New York	5,678,417	6,441,902	13%
North Carolina	1,595,952	1,933,831	21%
North Dakota	69,980	88,820	27%
Ohio	2,341,481	2,988,691	28%
Oklahoma	790,051	815,810	3%
Oregon	626,356	1,051,967	68%
Pennsylvania	2,386,046	2,622,491	10%
Rhode Island	190,833	273,901	44%
South Carolina	889,744	1,009,201	13%
South Dakota	115,501	118,429	3%
Tennessee	1,244,516	1,493,723	20%
Texas	4,441,605	4,626,194	4%
Utah	294,029	302,805	3%
Vermont	161,081	184,289	14%
Virginia	935,434	960,591	3%
Washington	1,117,576	1,717,320	54%
West Virginia	354,544	538,601	52%
Wisconsin	985,531	1,047,631	6%
Wyoming	67,518	65,445	-3%
United States	57,794,096	71,929,750	23%

NOTES:

Pre-ACA Average Monthly Medicaid/CHIP Enrollment: The average number of individuals enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP for each month during the July-September, 2013 period using an average of enrollment numbers submitted by the states for each month in this period. Not all states submitted three months of data; the average is calculated using any months of baseline data that were provided. The unit of measurement is individuals enrolled as of the last day of the reporting period (month).

Post-ACA Medicaid/CHIP Monthly Enrollment: The total unduplicated number of individuals enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP as of the last day of each reporting period, including those with retroactive, conditional, and presumptive eligibility. This indicator is a point-in-time count of total program enrollment, and is not solely a count of those newly enrolled during the reporting period. This number includes only those individuals who are eligible for comprehensive benefits (e.g., emergency Medicaid, family planning-only coverage and limited benefit dual eligible individuals are excluded). Medicaid Section 1115 demonstration populations are included as long as the benefits and networks are comprehensive. CHIP children subject to a waiting period or premium lock-out period are considered eligible but not enrolled and are not included. Data are subject to change based on subsequent CMS enrollment reports. Other reporting on Medicaid and CHIP enrollment by states and researchers may include some beneficiaries excluded in these data (because comprehensive coverage is not provided), or may use a different methodology.

Percent Change: The percentage change in total post-ACA Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, from the pre-ACA average monthly Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment (July-Sept 2013) to each monthly enrollment total reported (as described above). Percent change is calculated for each month as compared to the baseline data. Changes in enrollment levels are driven by the number of newly enrolled individuals as well as by the number of individuals whose coverage has terminated.

* State of Alaska implemented Medicaid expansion as of September 1, 2015.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation Web site, Total Monthly Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment, accessed 9/3/2015. See <http://kff.org/health-reform/state-indicator/total-monthly-medicaid-and-chip-enrollment/>.