WHO COULD MEDICAID REACH WITH EXPANSION IN GEORGIA?

UNINSURED ADULTS WHO WOULD BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID UNDER EXPANSION

The ACA expanded Medicaid coverage to nearly all adults with incomes up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level ($17,609 for an individual in 2020). If Georgia were to expand its Medicaid program, 452,600 uninsured nonelderly adults would become eligible for coverage, 39% of the state’s uninsured nonelderly adult population.

2020 Georgia Medicaid Eligibility Levels

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78% of those who would become eligible under Medicaid expansion are childless adults, a group historically excluded from Medicaid eligibility.

Who Are Uninsured Adults Who Would Become Eligible for Medicaid if Georgia Expanded?

Nearly 7 in 10 are in a family with at least one worker.

- Full-time: 49%
- Part-time only: 32%
- No workers: 18%

3 in 4 are adults living below poverty.

- Below Poverty: 75%
- 100% to 138% FPL: 25%

Nearly 6 in 10 are people of color.

- White: 43%
- Black: 40%
- Hispanic: 13%
- Other: 4%

More than 1 in 3 are middle-aged and 16% are near-elderly, who are more likely to have substantial health needs.

- 19-24: 23%
- 25-34: 26%
- 35-54: 35%
- 55-64: 16%

More than half are female even though many females qualify for Medicaid as caregiver parents.

229,600 females
Where Do Uninsured Adults Who Would Be Eligible for Medicaid if Georgia Expanded Live?

What is the Potential Impact of Medicaid Expansion?
- Greater access to care
- Decreased uncompensated care costs
- Reduced medical debt
- Improved affordability of care
- Increased utilization of care
- Increased coverage

A review of over 400 research studies shows that Medicaid expansion is associated with:

How Would the Medicaid Expansion in Georgia be Financed?

For traditional Medicaid, the federal share of cost is lower (67%) in FY 2021, with an additional 6.2 percentage point increase during the public health emergency.

The total number of people in the geographic areas with unreliable estimates is 20,000 in Georgia.

The federal government pays most of the cost of the ACA Medicaid expansion: 90% in FY 2021 and beyond.