WHO COULD MEDICAID REACH WITH EXPANSION IN NORTH CAROLINA?
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 ($17,236 for an individual in 2019). If North Carolina were to expand its Medicaid program, 357,000 uninsured nonelderly adults would become eligible for coverage, 33% of the state’s uninsured nonelderly adult population.

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77% 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 North Carolina Expanded?

7 in 10 are in a family with at least one worker. Nearly 3 in 4 are adults living below poverty.

- More than half are White, non-Hispanic.
- 4 in 10 are middle-aged and 16% are near-elderly, who are more likely to have substantial health needs.
- Nearly half are women even though many women qualify for Medicaid as caregiver parents.

174,000
to

100%-138%
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Below Poverty 73%

19-24

25-34

35-54

55-64

Years

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Where Do Uninsured Adults Who Would Be Eligible for Medicaid if North Carolina Expanded Live?

What is the Potential Impact of Medicaid Expansion?

- Greater access to care
- Decreased uncompensated care costs
- Reduced medical debt
- A review of over 300 research studies shows that Medicaid expansion is associated with:
  - Improved affordability of care
  - Increased utilization of care
  - Increased coverage

Estimates for geographic areas are not reliable.
The total number of people in the geographic areas with unreliable estimates is 22,000 in North Carolina.

How Would the Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina be Financed?

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

**ACA Expansion**
- Federal Share: 90¢
- State Share: 10¢

For traditional Medicaid, the federal share of cost is lower (67%) in FY 2021 and changes slightly each year depending on the state’s per capita income.

**Traditional Medicaid**
- Federal Share: 67¢
- State Share: 33¢