WHO COULD MEDICAID REACH WITH EXPANSION IN OKLAHOMA?
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 Oklahoma were to expand its Medicaid program, 178,000 uninsured nonelderly adults would become eligible for coverage, 34% of the state’s uninsured nonelderly adult population.

2019 Oklahoma Medicaid Eligibility Levels

- ACA Eligibility: 138%
- Parents: 42%
- Childless Adults: 0%

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 Oklahoma Expanded?

- Over 6 in 10 are in a family with at least one worker.
- More than 7 in 10 are adults living below poverty.
- More than half are White, non-Hispanic.
- Almost 4 in 10 are middle-aged and 17% 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.

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Below Poverty
73%
100%-138% FPL
27%

White 54%
Hispanic 9%
Black 11%
Other 26%

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- 55-64: 17%
- 35-54: 37%
- 25-34: 24%
- 19-24: 22%

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87,000 women

Over 6 in 10 are in a family with at least one worker.

- Full-time: 49%
- Part-time only: 35%
- No workers: 15%
Where Do Uninsured Adults Who Would Be Eligible for Medicaid if Oklahoma Expanded Live?

What is the Potential Impact of Medicaid Expansion?

- Greater access to care
- Improved affordability of care
- Decreased uncompensated care costs
- Increased utilization of care
- Reduced medical debt
- Increased coverage

A review of over 300 research studies shows that Medicaid expansion is associated with:

How Would the Medicaid Expansion in Oklahoma be Financed?

For traditional Medicaid, the federal share of cost is lower (68%) in FY 2021 and changes slightly each year depending on the state’s per capita income.

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¢

Traditional Medicaid

Federal Share: 68¢
State Share: 32¢