WHO COULD MEDICAID REACH WITH EXPANSION IN SOUTH DAKOTA?
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 South Dakota were to expand its Medicaid program, 27,800 uninsured nonelderly adults would become eligible for coverage, 42% of the state’s uninsured nonelderly adult population.

2020 South Dakota Medicaid Eligibility Levels

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72% 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 South Dakota Expanded?

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

- Full-time: 36%
- Part-time only: 54%
- No workers: 11%

7 in 10 are adults living below poverty.

- Below Poverty: 70%
- 100%-138% FPL: 30%

More than half are White, non-Hispanic.

More than 3 in 10 are middle-aged and 16% are near-elderly, who are more likely to have substantial health needs.

- 55-64: 16%
- 35-54: 31%
- 25-34: 29%
- 19-24: 25%

11,100 females

4 in 10 are female even though many females qualify for Medicaid as caregiver parents.
Where Do Uninsured Adults Who Would Be Eligible for Medicaid if South Dakota 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 400 research studies shows that Medicaid expansion is associated with:
  - Improved affordability of care
  - Increased utilization of care
  - Increased coverage

How Would the Medicaid Expansion in South Dakota 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¢

### Traditional Medicaid
- **Federal Share:** 58¢
- **State Share:** 42¢

For traditional Medicaid, the federal share of cost is lower (58%) in FY 2021, with an additional 6.2 percentage point increase during the public health emergency.

Estimates for geographic areas are not reliable. The total number of people in the geographic areas with unreliable estimates is 8,000 in South Dakota.