WHO COULD MEDICAID REACH WITH EXPANSION IN TEXAS?
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 Texas were to expand its Medicaid program, **1.5 million** uninsured nonelderly adults would become eligible for coverage, **30%** of the state’s uninsured nonelderly adult population.

### 2019 Texas Medicaid Eligibility Levels

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

- **Over 3 in 4** are in a family with at least one worker.
- **Nearly 3 in 4** are adults living below poverty.
- **Nearly 6 in 10** are Hispanic.
- **Almost 4 in 10** are middle-aged and 13% are near-elderly, who are more likely to have substantial health needs.
- **Over half** are women even though many women qualify for Medicaid as caregiver parents.

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### Who Could Medicaid Reach with Expansion in Texas?

**Parents**

- 13% of those who would become eligible under Medicaid expansion are childless adults, a group historically excluded from Medicaid eligibility.

**Childless Adults**

- 68% of those who would become eligible under Medicaid expansion are childless adults, a group historically excluded from Medicaid eligibility.

### ACA Eligibility Parents Childless Adults

- **Parents**: 17%
- **Childless Adults**: 0%

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**786,000 women**

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

![State Map]

Less than 2,000
2,000 to 3,999
4,000 to 5,999
6,000 to 7,999
8,000 to 9,999
Greater than or equal to 10,000

 Estimates for geographic areas are not reliable
The total number of people in the geographic areas with unreliable estimates is 86,000 in Texas.

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 Texas 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: 62¢
State Share: 38¢

For traditional Medicaid, the federal share of cost is lower (62%) in FY 2021 and changes slightly each year depending on the state’s per capita income.

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