UNINSURED ADULTS IN TEXAS 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, 1.4 million uninsured nonelderly adults would become eligible for coverage, 36% of the state’s uninsured nonelderly adult population.

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67% 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 Texas Expanded?

Over 8 in 10 are in a family with at least one worker.

- Full-time: 18%
- Part-time only: 17%
- No workers: 65%

More than half are adults living below poverty.

- Below Poverty: 54%
- 100%–138% FPL: 46%

Nearly 6 in 10 are Hispanic.

Almost 4 in 10 are middle-aged and 14% are near-elderly, who are more likely to have substantial health needs.

- 19–24 Years: 24%
- 25–34 Years: 27%
- 35–54 Years: 36%
- 55–64 Years: 14%

758,000 women

Over half are women even though many women qualify for Medicaid as caregiver parents.
Where Do Uninsured Adults Who Would Be Eligible for Medicaid if Texas 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 200 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 2020 and beyond.

For traditional Medicaid, the federal share of cost is lower (61%) in FY 2020 and changes slightly each year depending on the state’s per capita income.