

Medicaid is a safety net for veterans, covering some who otherwise would be uninsured, and for others, supplementing Medicare, private, veterans or military coverage. Medicaid coverage enables veterans to receive needed care and makes care affordable by limiting out-of-pocket costs.

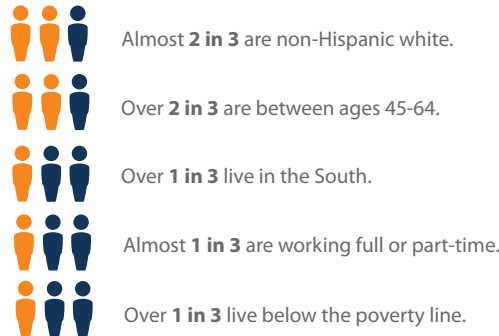
Medicaid covers many veterans with complex health care needs, such as chronic health conditions, behavioral health disorders, and traumatic brain injuries.

Medicaid currently provides federal matching funds with no pre-set limit and enhanced federal funding for states to cover many adults, including veterans, who previously were excluded from the program. Medicaid financing reductions and restructuring as proposed in the American Health Care Act and Better Care Reconciliation Act could limit states' ability to care for veterans.

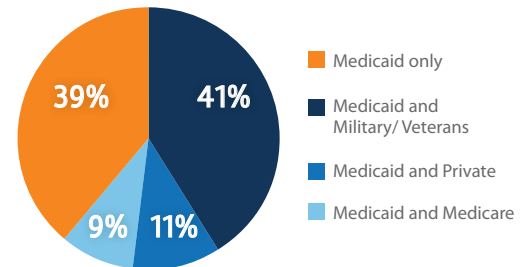
Medicaid Covers Many Veterans Either as Their Only Insurance or to Supplement Other Insurance Coverage

Medicaid covers nearly 1 in 10 veterans ages 19–64 as of 2015.

Of the **875,000** nonelderly veterans with Medicaid in 2015:



Among veterans covered by Medicaid in 2015, almost **2 in 5** have Medicaid as their **only** source of coverage, while Medicaid **supplements** other coverage for the remaining **3 in 5**.



The ACA Enables States to Expand Medicaid Coverage to More Veterans, Many of Whom Have Complex Health Needs

From 2013 to 2015, Medicaid coverage of nonelderly veterans **increased by almost a third** in Medicaid expansion states.

Percent change in Medicaid coverage:

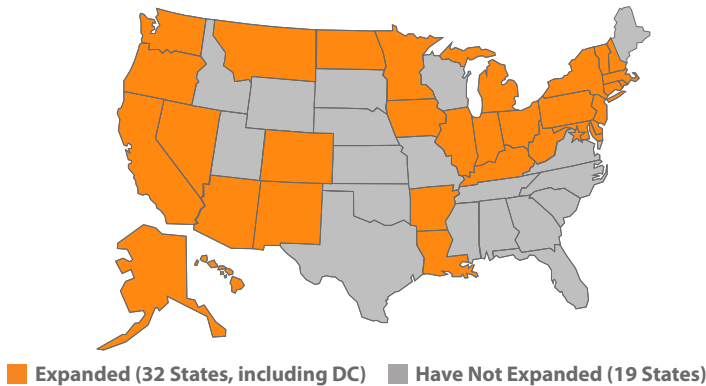
Expansion States

30%

Non-expansion States

7%

Over **2 in 3** nonelderly veterans with Medicaid live in states that have expanded Medicaid as of 2015.



Of the **875,000** nonelderly veterans with Medicaid in 2015:

- 42%** have 2 or more chronic conditions.
- 54%** have a disability.
- 11%** have a severe mental illness.
- 12%** have a substance use disorder.
- 35%** describe their health as fair or poor.

Reduced Federal Medicaid Financing Could Limit Coverage and Access to Care for Veterans

All State Medicaid programs cover:

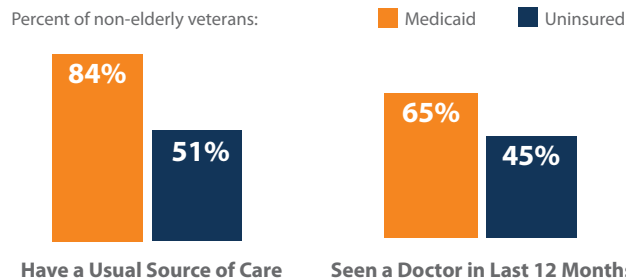
- inpatient and outpatient services
- lab services
- medical transportation
- home health care
- prescription drugs

State Medicaid programs can cover:

- specialized behavioral health services
- physical therapy and other rehabilitative services
- prosthetics and medical supplies
- case management
- home and community-based services for people with traumatic brain injuries and other disabilities

Veterans with Medicaid are **more likely** to have a **usual source of care** and have **seen a doctor** than uninsured veterans in 2015.

Percent of non-elderly veterans:



Ending the enhanced Medicaid expansion match and capping federal Medicaid financing as proposed in the American Health Care Act and Better Care Reconciliation Act could **decrease** the number of veterans with Medicaid and **limit** their access to needed services.

Sources for this document are available at: <http://kff.org/infographic/medicaids-role-in-covering-veterans>.

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