Medicaid Works

Medicaid Provides Comprehensive, Efficient, High-Quality Coverage

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Who Does Medicaid Cover Today?

33 million children  
6 million seniors  
10 million people with disabilities

*Number of Medicaid beneficiaries in any given month*
Medicaid Works!

I: Medicaid offers access to comprehensive care

II: Medicaid improves health outcomes and financial stability

III: Medicaid is efficient
Medicaid Offers Access to Comprehensive Care
Medicaid Beneficiaries Nearly All Have a Usual Source of Care

Percent of adults ages 19-64

- Medicaid coverage insured all year: 91%
- Private coverage insured all year: 93%
- Uninsured during the year: 77%

Source: The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey (2016)
Medicaid Beneficiaries Most Likely to Rate Quality of Care Highly

Percent of adults ages 19-64

- Medicaid coverage insured all year: 57%
- Private coverage insured all year: 52%
- Uninsured during the year: 48%

Source: The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey (2016)
II: Medicaid Improves Health Outcomes and Financial Stability
Medicaid Enrollees Much Less Likely to Forgo Care Due to Cost

Percent of adults ages 19-64

- Medicaid coverage, insured all year: 32%
- Private coverage, insured all year: 28%
- Uninsured during the year: 31%

- Had medical problem, but did not see a doctor: 9%
- Did not fill a prescription: 11%
- Skipped medical test, treatment, or follow-up recommended by a doctor: 1%

Source: The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey (2016)
Medicaid Expansion is Helping Low-Income People in Kentucky & Arkansas

Estimated effect

- **29% increase** in share with a personal physician
- **24% increase** in share who got a check-up in the last year
- **17% increase** in share getting regular care for chronic conditions
- **42% increase** in share reporting "excellent" health

Note: Study estimates changes in outcomes in Kentucky and Arkansas relative to changes in Texas, which did not expand Medicaid.

III: Medicaid Is Efficient
Medicaid Costs Per Beneficiary Are Substantially Lower Than Private Insurance

Source: CBPP analysis
And Medicaid Spending Per Beneficiary Has Grown More Slowly Than Private Insurance

Average annual growth rate per enrollee, 1987-2015

Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Health Expenditures Tables, December 2016
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