A 50-state look at Medicaid expansion: 2017

One of the most important provisions of Affordable Care Act is the expansion of health coverage to low-income families through the Medicaid program. Here are basic facts on where states stand on Medicaid expansion.

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The federal government covered 100 percent of the costs of Medicaid expansion in 2014, 2015, and 2016. In 2020 and beyond, the government will cover 90 percent of the costs of Medicaid expansion.

STATES EXPANDING MEDICAID TO DATE

33

Number of states, including the District of Columbia, that have expanded Medicaid

STATES NOT CURRENTLY EXPANDING MEDICAID

18

Number of states that have not yet expanded Medicaid

Notes: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Maine adopted expansion through a ballot initiative in November 2017. The ballot measure requires implementation of expansion within 180 days of the measure’s effective date.

*Includes the District of Columbia.

Sources: Families USA analysis using data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community; Kaiser Family Foundation. State Health Facts, Medicaid Expansion Enrollment, January-March 2016, available online at http://kff.org/health-reform/state-indicator/medicaid-expansion-enrollment/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22%20Location%22,%22sort%22:%22%20asc%22%7D.

Survey 5-Year estimates (2008-2012). Shows the number of uninsured in each state with incomes under 138 percent of poverty (population that could benefit from the Medicaid expansion).

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