



Modern Medicaid ALLIANCE

FAST FACTS ON MEDICAID

Below are some important facts about America's Medicaid program, brought to you by the Modern Medicaid Alliance (MMA).

- Medicaid is a joint health care program administered by states and the federal government that provides coverage to **73 million Americans**, roughly **20% of the U.S. population**.
- Eligibility standards for Medicaid vary by state, but federal law requires coverage for certain populations, including qualified pregnant women and children, low-income families, newborns, and others who meet eligibility guidelines.
- Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, states may choose to expand Medicaid coverage to people with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level. 31 states and DC have chosen to expand the program.
- **One out of three** children in the U.S. receives coverage through Medicaid or the **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**.
- Some people who receive Medicaid benefits are eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare; they are referred to as **dual-eligibles**.
- Medicaid covers more than **60% of all nursing home residents** and **40% of costs for long-term care services and supports**.
- **More than half of Medicaid is managed by 3rd party companies** to deliver more comprehensive care and save money for states. Managed care has proven successful not only for delivering more comprehensive care to beneficiaries, but also saving money for states.
- Because states can determine the design of their own Medicaid programs, they have many opportunities to test innovative payment and service delivery models that reduce **inpatient hospital admissions**, enhance care and monitoring, and create better care in many other ways.
- Medicaid benefits are divided into two categories –federally mandated benefits and optional benefits that states may choose to incorporate.
- **Prescription drug coverage** is determined by states, but all states cover outpatient medicines for patients.

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