

## What To Know About Medicaid

## Medicaid is...

- An essential part of American health care, improving health and financial security for nearly 1-in-5 Americans more than **79 million** people.
- A safety net, there for us when we need it because no matter how prepared you are, you never know when you and your family may face hard times.
- A joint effort by federal and state governments to provide millions of Americans with high-quality, affordable health care.



92% of adults think it is important to have a strong, sustainable Medicaid program in the United States.



3-in-4 (76%) voters have a favorable view of Medicaid.



The majority of voters (68%) oppose cutting funding for Medicaid.

## Medicaid Coverage – Who the Medicaid Program Serves

- Medicaid covers more than <u>79 million Americans</u>, including millions of children, older adults, people with disabilities, and nearly 2 million veterans.
- The program provides quality health care to <u>over 37 million children</u>, making up almost half of total program
  enrollment. <u>8-in-10</u> children living in poverty and over half of Black, Hispanic, American Indian, and Alaska Native
  children are covered by Medicaid.
- Medicaid is the largest single payer of pregnancy-related services, covering about 4-in-10 births nationwide.
- Nearly 20% of the roughly 60 million Americans living in rural communities rely on Medicaid for health care coverage. 47% of children in rural areas are enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP).
- <u>1-in-10 veterans</u> depend on Medicaid for services including routine checkups and mental health services, especially if they live far from a VA facility.
- More than <u>7 million</u> seniors are dually enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid coverage, and <u>more than 12 million</u> individuals under age 65 are covered by Medicaid as a result of a disability determination.
  - Over half of all Medicaid spending goes toward services for the elderly and people with disabilities. Medicaid covers services critical to their health and independence, like help in their homes with activities of daily living, medical equipment (e.g. wheelchairs), and nursing home care.
- <u>75%</u> of Medicaid enrollees are served by Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), which are public-private partnerships between state governments and health insurance providers.