

Medicaid Can Cover 45 Percent More Uninsured People than Public Exchanges for the Same Cost

Medicaid leverages state-based coverage platforms and proven managed care models to provide high-quality, cost-effective health insurance to **75 million low-income people** without other coverage options – an increase of 12 million people since 2013.¹ **Seven million uninsured people – about one in four of the nation’s 29 million uninsured – are eligible for Medicaid today.**²

Medicaid is More Cost-Effective than Public Exchanges

Uninsured Adults Covered by \$10 Billion in New Spending

\$10 billion in new Medicaid spending would cover **1.6 million uninsured individuals** who are eligible for Medicaid coverage, **45 percent more people** than the 1.1 million uninsured individuals that Public Exchanges would cover for the same cost.³

1.6 M in Medicaid



1.1 M in Public Exchanges



Total Cost of Full-Year Coverage per Adult, 2020

Medicaid covers more people for the same total cost because the average cost of Medicaid coverage for an adult enrollee (\$6,300) is **32 percent lower** than the cost of Public Exchange coverage (\$9,300).⁴

Medicaid Coverage

\$6,300

32%

Public Exchange Coverage

\$9,300

Additional Federal Funding Can Offset State Medicaid Costs

The \$10 billion annual cost of covering 1.6 million uninsured individuals eligible for Medicaid includes:

- \$7.4 billion in Federal funding to states
- \$2.6 billion in State costs, which can be offset by additional Federal funding

The \$10 billion annual cost of covering 1.1 million uninsured individuals eligible for Public Exchanges includes:

- \$6.9 billion in Federal subsidies for consumers
- \$3.1 billion in consumer costs, which are being offset by additional Federal subsidies starting in 2021