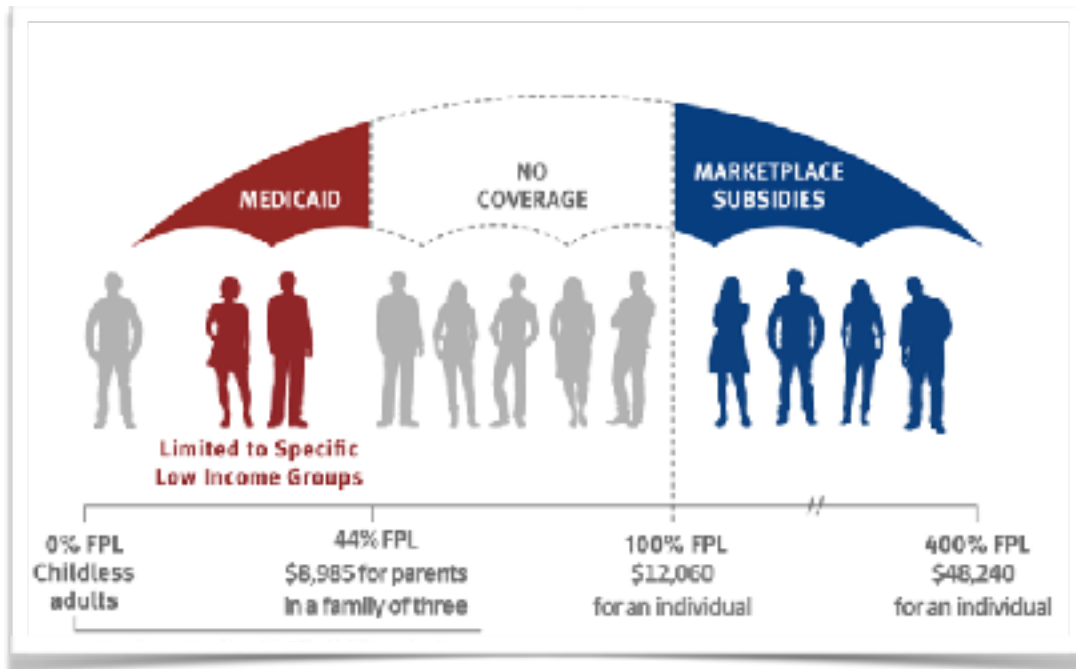


Expanding Medicaid

Over 2 million Americans in 17 states locked out of coverage



Expand Medicaid or Get out of the Way

Traditional Medicaid expansions are beneficial to the poor, while improving local economies and health systems.

States should expand Medicaid because it improves financial health, mental well being, and access to care. Whether through a traditional expansion focused on government provision of insurance or a private expansion, the benefits of coverage accrue to the formerly uninsured.

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EXPAND

Medicaid expansion is good for patients and local economies

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BALLOT INITIATIVES

Utah, Nebraska, and Idaho will let the voters decide in November

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BYPASS

More affordable insurance options will improve coverage



Utah Decides

Ballot initiative to cover 46,000 in the Medicaid gap



Reclaim Idaho

Ballot initiative to cover 22,000 in the Medicaid gap



Insure the Good Life (Nebraska)

Ballot initiative to cover 16,000 in the Medicaid Gap

Making Medicaid Even More Mainstream

The coverage limits of Medicaid have risen to approximately 138 percent of the federal poverty level in most states.

Medicaid remains essentially 56 different programs each administered separately at the state level – meaning 56 different bureaucracies administering what could be a single program. State-by-state differences create difficulties for patients that move from one state to another or for people living in border towns who have difficulty accessing providers across state lines, even though they're in the same community.

Many states have refused to expand Medicaid despite the enticements of the federal government, leaving over 2 million Americans uninsured that otherwise could be covered. For these Americans, it seems sensible to allow them to receive Medicaid benefits directly from the federal government as opposed to relying on states like Texas, Florida, Georgia, and others to expand their programs.



“What is Medicaid all about? ... to care for people historically left behind.”

Although more expensive, Medicaid-eligible populations could have access to fully subsidized private health insurance plans on the ACA Marketplaces with Congressional approval. Evidence shows a private option in Medicaid provides high quality coverage while offering improved access to specialist care.

Shifting Medicaid from a state responsibility to a federal one will yield expanded insurance coverage and better access to care for Americans in poverty.

THE EVIDENCE BEHIND THE POLICIES

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