

In MO, Medicaid Covers:



1 in 11 adults, ages 19-64



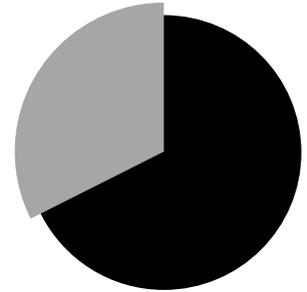
1 in 3 children



1 in 4 individuals with disabilities



58% of adult
Medicaid enrollees
are working



29% of MO population is
low-income
(<200% FPL)

885,000 individuals enrolled in MO Medicaid and CHIP

Work Requirements

- Given Missouri's strict eligibility criteria for adults, very few would be screened for work eligibility.
- Work requirement programs can be financially and administratively burdensome.
- Burdensome reporting requirements can disqualify many eligible recipients.

Drug Testing

- No state Medicaid program currently requires drug testing for its beneficiaries.
- Drug testing can also be financially and administratively burdensome. For example, in 2014 Missouri appropriated \$336,000 to drug test applicants for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. That year, of 38,970 applicants, 446 were referred to follow-up testing and only 48 tested positive.

Block Grants

- The federal government has considered funding Medicaid utilizing block grants to the states. Over time, this system would decrease federal financial support for Missouri Medicaid by millions of dollars, and cause drastic funding shortages in the case of an economic downturn.

Medicaid Expansion

- 37 states have expanded Medicaid. By not expanding, we are foregoing the opportunity to offer access to medical care to 300,000 citizens who live below the 138% of the Federal poverty line.
- This deprivation most severely impacts rural and inner city areas and has a profound impact on the health as well as the economy in rural areas where hospitals are closing.
- Medicaid expansion will have a positive effect on the economy with an estimated increase of 24,000 jobs and improved health of the work force.

We urge lawmakers to preserve health care for those who can least afford it by maintaining Missouri's current Medicaid system, not imposing work requirements or drug testing, and resisting any federal efforts to fund Medicaid utilizing block grants to states. We also urge lawmakers to expand Medicaid under the ACA and take the opportunity to design a fair and workable program legislatively rather than risk a voter referendum.