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## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REPEAL AND CHANGES TO MEDICAID THREATEN THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC SECURITY OF 3.9 MILLION WOMEN WHO RECENTLY GAINED MEDICAID COVERAGE

Health insurance coverage is key to women's well-being and economic stability. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act (also known as "Obamacare") millions of women who did not have health insurance before are now able to get coverage through Medicaid. Medicaid coverage is important to enrollees' access to care, overall health, and economic security, yet the program is under threat.

RECENT CENSUS DATA SHOW THAT IF MEDICAID EXPANSION IS REPEALED OR CHANGES ARE MADE TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, WOMEN WITH MEDICAID HAVE A LOT TO LOSE.

- More than 17 million women ages 18-64—about 1 in 6—across the United States now have health insurance through Medicaid.
- Between 2013-2015, about 3.9 million women ages 18-64 gained Medicaid coverage, a growth of 29 percent nationally.<sup>1</sup>

If the ACA is repealed or changes are made to the Medicaid program, many of these women could lose their health coverage.

RECENT CENSUS DATA SHOW THAT STATES EXPANDING MEDICAID HAVE SEEN LARGE INCREASES IN MEDICAID ENROLLMENT ACROSS THE BOARD, WHILE IN STATES THAT CHOSE NOT TO EXPAND, FEWER WOMEN HAVE GAINED COVERAGE AND SOME HAVE EVEN LOST IT.

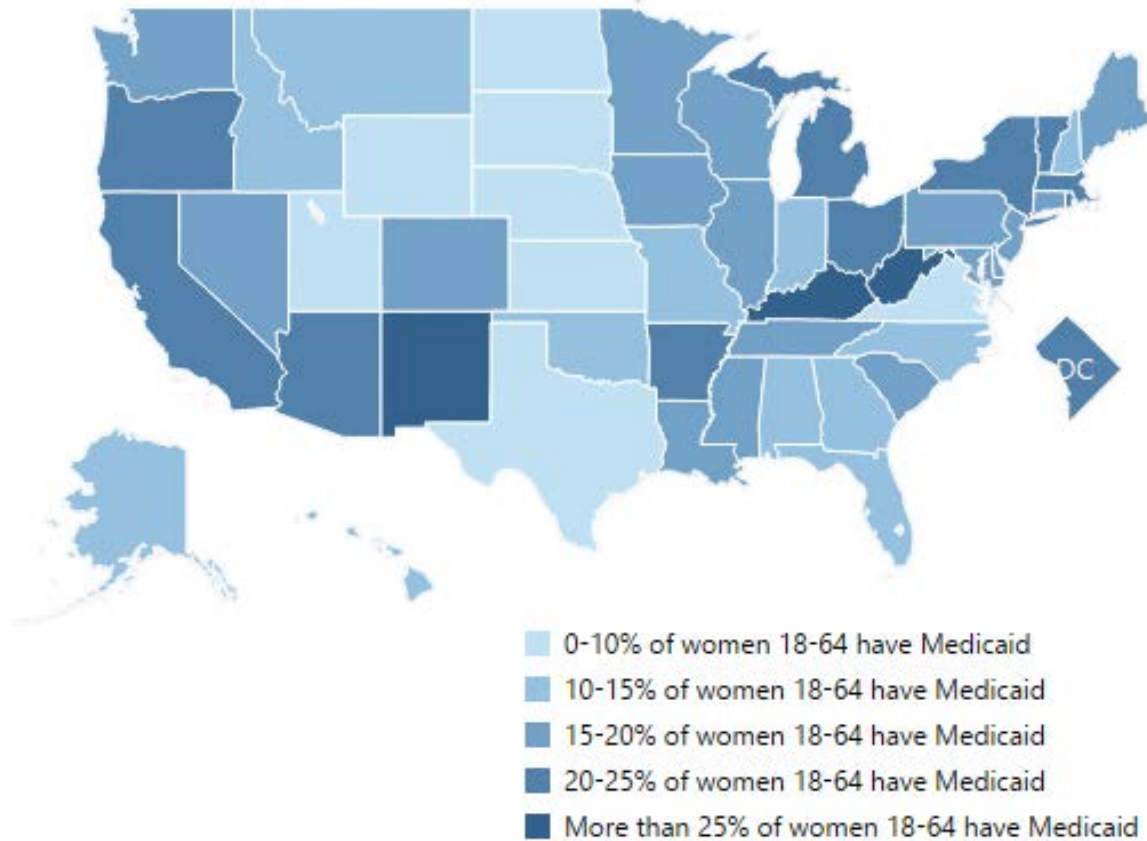
- States expanding Medicaid have seen the largest increases in Medicaid enrollment of women ages 18-64 between 2013-2015. The ten states with the greatest increase of Medicaid coverage between 2013-2015 of women ages 18-64 are Nevada, Kentucky, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Colorado, West Virginia, New Mexico, California, and Arkansas, where half of the 3.9 million who gained Medicaid coverage reside. These gains are at risk if the Medicaid expansion is repealed or changes are made to the Medicaid program.
- In non-expansion states, fewer than 396,000 women ages 18-64 have gained Medicaid coverage between 2013-2015. And in fact, 14,700 women ages 18-64 in non-expansion states such as Kansas, Maine, Utah, and Wisconsin lost coverage during that time period.

**Any repeal of the ACA's Medicaid expansion, or changes to the Medicaid program like block grants or per capita caps, threaten the important gains women have made in obtaining health coverage that allows them to stay healthy and economically secure.**



Find information on the gains made in Medicaid coverage for women ages 18-64 in your state, and how many women stand to lose Medicaid coverage, below.

## Medicaid Coverage of Women 18-64



Source: NWLC calculations based on American Community Survey (IPUMS-USA), 2013 and 2015 ACS 1-year estimates available at <https://usa.ipums.org/usa/index.shtml>.

1 NWLC calculations based on American Community Survey (IPUMS-USA), 2013 and 2015 ACS 1-year estimates available at <https://usa.ipums.org/usa/index.shtml>. Gains made in Medicaid coverage of women 18-64, from 2013-2015 is calculated as the difference between the number of women 18-64 with Medicaid in 2013 and the number of women 18-64 with Medicaid in 2015. Our analysis compares 2013 and 2015 Medicaid coverage of women 18-64 as a representation of pre- and post-Affordable Care Act (ACA) trends. While some reforms of the ACA went into effect in 2010, the marketplaces did not become operational until 2014, and many of the major reforms aimed at expanding health coverage to more Americans—such as prohibitions on denying coverage for prior medical conditions, requirements that individuals have health insurance coverage, expansion of Medicaid to all adults making up to 133% of Federal Poverty Level, and availability of tax credits to purchase health plans on the newly opened health insurance marketplace—were not implemented until 2014.



## Medicaid Coverage of Women 18-64

State	Number of women with Medicaid coverage in 2015	Percent of women with Medicaid coverage in 2013	Percent of women with Medicaid coverage in 2015	Number of women who gained or lost Medicaid coverage 2013-2015	Medicaid coverage change rate between 2013-2015	Status of state Medicaid Expansion
<b>United States</b>	<b>17,006,918</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>3,890,490</b>	<b>29%</b>	-
Alabama	215,930	13%	14%	18,260	9%	Not Expanded
Alaska	32,170	8%	14%	14,490	82%	Expanded
Arizona	423,830	15%	21%	120,040	40%	1115 waiver
Arkansas	184,610	13%	20%	69,530	60%	1115 waiver
California	2,883,300	15%	23%	1,080,920	60%	Expanded
Colorado	294,810	10%	17%	124,200	73%	Expanded
Connecticut	211,150	15%	19%	42,840	25%	Expanded
Delaware	57,870	19%	19%	980	2%	Expanded
District of Columbia	57,410	23%	23%	1,210	2%	Expanded
Florida	839,940	12%	14%	121,600	17%	Not expanded
Georgia	353,810	10%	11%	38,410	12%	Not expanded
Hawaii	61,180	13%	14%	4,550	8%	Expanded
Idaho	52,980	10%	11%	6,760	15%	Not expanded
Illinois	733,070	14%	18%	153,450	26%	Expanded
Indiana	285,940	12%	14%	46,660	19%	1115 waiver
Iowa	149,600	13%	16%	28,540	24%	1115 waiver
Kansas	69,880	8%	8%	-3,290	-4%	Not expanded
Kentucky	343,840	13%	25%	164,560	92%	Expanded
Louisiana	228,630	14%	16%	17,330	8%	Expanded
Maine	72,740	19%	17%	-9,290	-11%	Not expanded
Maryland	298,030	11%	15%	77,330	35%	Expanded
Massachusetts	521,520	21%	23%	65,570	14%	Expanded
Michigan	652,860	16%	21%	148,930	30%	1115 waiver
Minnesota	291,730	13%	17%	69,500	31%	Expanded
Mississippi	163,300	16%	18%	15,240	10%	Not expanded
Missouri	212,810	11%	11%	7,560	4%	Not expanded
Montana	32,660	10%	11%	2,220	7%	1115 waiver
Nebraska	51,510	8%	9%	6,330	14%	Not expanded
Nevada	145,370	8%	16%	74,320	105%	Expanded
New Hampshire	44,340	8%	10%	11,310	34%	1115 waiver
New Jersey	424,850	10%	15%	135,300	47%	Expanded
New Mexico	181,980	17%	29%	73,520	68%	Expanded
New York	1,510,420	20%	24%	220,320	17%	Expanded
North Carolina	411,780	11%	13%	52,190	15%	Not expanded
North Dakota	21,660	9%	10%	2,950	16%	Expanded
Ohio	733,990	15%	20%	202,480	38%	Expanded
Oklahoma	135,210	11%	11%	7,490	6%	Not expanded
Oregon	283,630	13%	23%	127,390	82%	Expanded
Pennsylvania	658,610	14%	17%	114,000	21%	Expanded
Rhode Island	78,290	15%	23%	27,430	54%	Expanded
South Carolina	234,620	13%	15%	36,270	18%	Not expanded
South Dakota	24,960	9%	10%	1,520	6%	Not expanded
Tennessee	345,420	15%	17%	34,810	11%	Not expanded
Texas	809,820	10%	10%	33,070	4%	Not expanded
Utah	66,770	8%	8%	-980	-1%	Not expanded
Vermont	45,880	23%	23%	-910	-2%	Expanded
Virginia	222,530	7%	8%	24,960	13%	Not expanded
Washington	412,360	10%	18%	190,040	85%	Expanded
West Virginia	152,770	16%	27%	63,850	72%	Expanded
Wisconsin	268,130	15%	15%	-1,270	0%	Not expanded
Wyoming	16,440	6%	9%	6,050	58%	Not expanded

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