

Medicaid Expansion: A Win for Florida Families and Our State Economy



Too many Floridians can't get affordable health coverage, and it's costing our state. By expanding Medicaid, we can help more working Florida families get crucial health care and help Florida's bottom line.

Medicaid income limits are so low that many working people don't qualify — even though they don't make enough to afford private health insurance. By raising the Medicaid income limit to just above the poverty limit, we would cover more working Floridians and save the state money.

**Current Medicaid income limit¹
for a parent in a family of three:**

\$7,128/year

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**Income limit with
Medicaid expansion:**

\$36,777/year
(138% of federal poverty level)²

Medicaid expansion would:



Lower health care costs for families and the state. When Floridians are uninsured, state taxpayers end up with the bill for their emergency room visits and other uncompensated care. Medicaid expansion would help more Floridians get care to prevent small issues from becoming expensive problems. That's an economic win for everyone.³



Protect Floridians from medical debt. Affordable health insurance can protect Floridians from becoming buried in medical debt — one of the leading causes of bankruptcy.



Strengthen Florida's workforce. Medicaid expansion can help employees stay healthy and on the job. Raising the Medicaid income limit would allow a full-time worker making minimum wage in a family of three to qualify for coverage.



Bring Florida tax dollars back home. Medicaid expansion would bring more federal funding to Florida, allowing the state to provide affordable health coverage and freeing up state funds for other priorities like schools and small businesses.⁴



Support Florida's rural communities. Medicaid expansion would be a lifeline for our rural communities, where hospitals are struggling to stay open. These hospitals provide critical care and support good paying jobs where they're needed most.



Cover more children. By helping more parents get health coverage, we can get more children access to the care they need to grow and thrive.

There's a reason 40 states plus D.C. have expanded their Medicaid programs, and 3 in 4 Floridians want our state to do the same.⁵ Let's expand Medicaid to keep more Floridians healthy, keep our hospitals open, and keep our economy growing.

Learn about the constitutional amendment to expand Medicaid at [FloridaDecidesHealthcare.org](https://floridadecideshealthcare.org).

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