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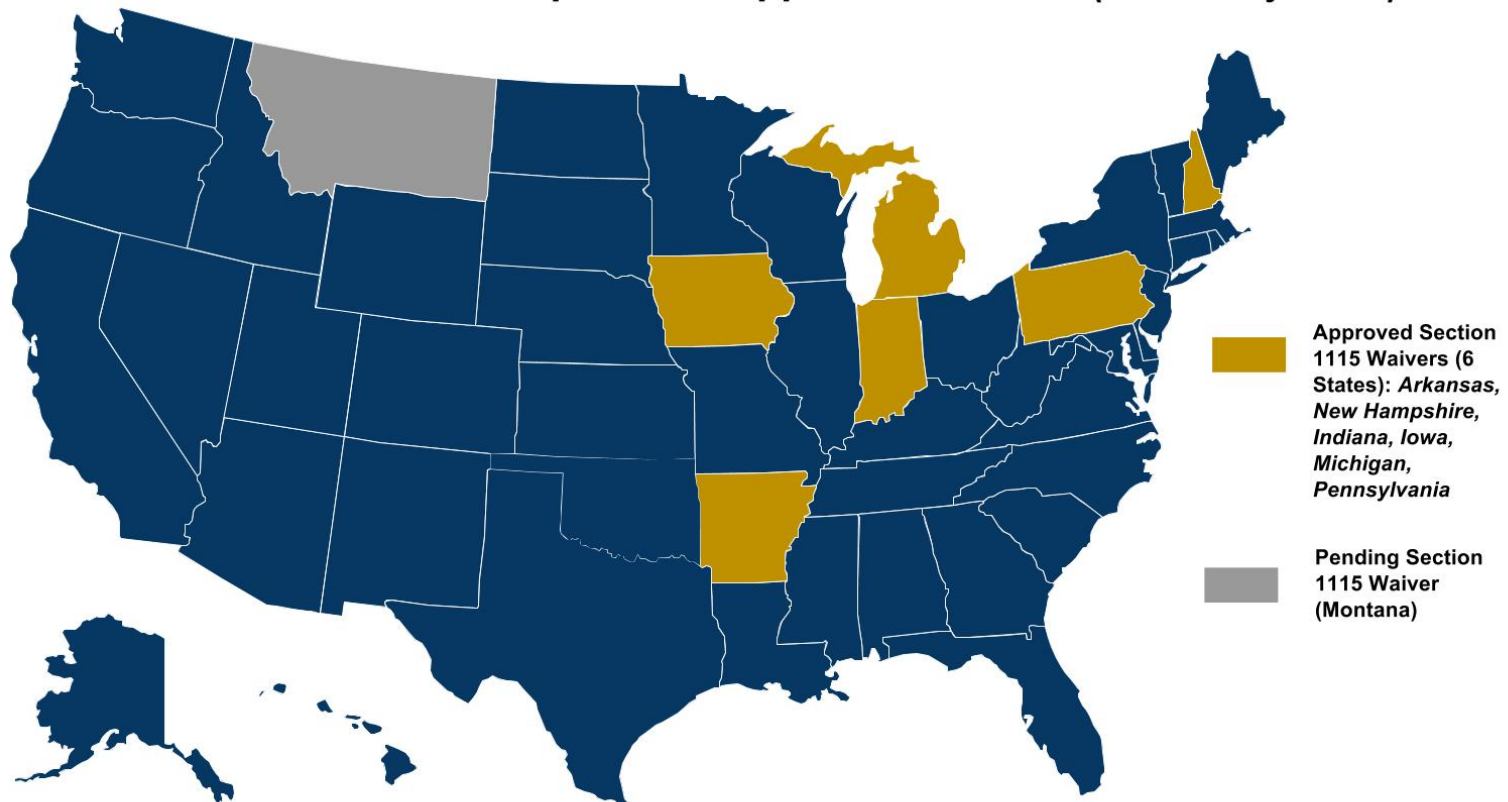
Medicaid Expansion in 2015

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Medicaid Expansion: Approved Waivers (as of July 2015)



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Key Themes that are Emerging

- Premiums and cost-sharing in all kinds of new forms for adults
- Using private insurance or premium assistance – through QHPs in ACA marketplace
- Encouraging work or job training (CMS says can't require)
- Promoting “healthy behaviors” and “personal responsibility”

Popularity of Premiums, HSAs

- Indiana using HSAs
- Premiums for people 100-138%
- Indiana, Montana (proposed) – premiums below 100% but nonpayment doesn't mean disenrollment/lockout
- Lots of research that premiums at this income level significantly reduce enrollment – would seem not compatible with Sec 1115.

Want to Know More?

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Urban Institute:

Medicaid Expansion, the Private Option and Personal Responsibility Requirements: The use of Section 1115 Waivers to Implement Medicaid Expansion Under the ACA

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<http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/2000235-Medicaid-Expansion-The-Private-Option-and-Personal-Responsibility-Requirements.pdf>



ALASKA: New Governor, New Approach

Valerie Davidson, new Alaska Health Commissioner: “If it's 40 below we go about our day and get things done.”

Governor Bill Walker (Independent) – Faces (R) legislature that has been opposed but willing to talk.



UTAH: Governor Gary Herbert (R) announces Healthy Utah Plan

Impressive
Coalition – July
31 report after
initial legislative
stalemate

Lane Beattie, President,
**Salt Lake Chamber of
Commerce**

Bishop John C. Wester,
**Catholic Diocese of Salt
Lake**

Scott Anderson,
Zions Bank President

Vivian Lee, **University of
Utah Health System**

Bishop Gary Stevenson,
presiding bishop of **The
Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints.**



TENNESSEE: Governor Bill Haslam (R)

Impressive coalition, but plan defeated – so far.





TENNESSEE
April 12, 2015
front page,
main state
paper

PERSPECTIVE

A TIMES EDITORIAL

IMMORAL MINORITY

Most Floridians want it. So do thousands of businesses and the medical community. So do Republicans and Democrats in the Florida Senate. Yet 80 Florida House Republicans are denying 800,000 Floridians access to health care by refusing to accept Medicaid expansion money from Washington. It is immoral, and it is financially irresponsible. Of those 80 House Republicans, 13 represent Tampa Bay districts. Call them. Email them. Ask them why they are blocking health insurance for your families, friends and co-workers.



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Corcoran is the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, the expected House speaker for 2015-16 and the chief obstructionist.



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This may be the last, best chance for the Florida Legislature to accept billions in federal Medicaid money and create health coverage for low-income residents. The Senate has crafted a responsible bipartisan plan to use the federal money to subsidize private health insurance, and House Republicans should embrace it and stop being obstructionists. The economic case for accepting the federal money and expanding access to health care is persuasive. It would bring tens of billions from Washington to Florida. It would save the state more than \$1.7 billion over

five years by replacing existing health care programs. It would help residents paying higher private insurance premiums to subsidize the cost of charity care. The cost of rejecting the Senate plan? Federal tax dollars from Florida help pay for Medicaid expansion in 26 other states. The Low Income Pool that helps cover the cost of treating the uninsured will lose more than \$1 billion in federal money. Florida hospitals and taxpayers cannot afford to make that up. The moral argument for taking the Medicaid expansion money is also compelling. Low-income Floridians should not be deprived of health insurance because House Republicans can't stand President Barack Obama

and distrust Washington. House Appropriations Chairman Richard Corcoran, R-Lakeland, is prepared to "go to war" with the Senate and block its practical plan. Senate Republicans and Democrats better reflect the sensibilities of most Floridians, and they should not bend to such phony thinking. House Republicans from Tampa Bay should hear the common-sense voices in their communities. Tell them you want all Floridians to have health insurance and access to care. Ask them why they will not bring home federal tax dollars you send to Washington. And remind them to act in the best interests of all of their constituents.

Gov. Rick Scott's flip-flop on Medicaid expansion fails Florida. Editorial, 2P

FLORIDA April 10, 2015 front page, special editorial section



Health Care APRIL 17, 2015

Life in Florida without Medicaid expansion



PROFILES

For people caught in the gap, injuries can be catastrophic and chronic illnesses may go untreated for years. How did 850,000 people find themselves in the gap, and how are they coping? Here are some of their stories.



When the caregiver can't get care

"I feel left over, left back." — Paula Bazain, caregiver

Single mother of five \$4000 short for coverage

"What kind of country are we? Everybody needs insurance" — Francesca Corr, single mother

A lifetime of respiratory illnesses

"I can't live a normal life." — Genesis Rodriguez, automotive tech student

Seven years without a checkup

"Normally, you go to the doctor when something like that happens." — Carlos Cuervo, salesman

Covered under Medicaid, for now

"One minute you receive Medicaid, and the next minute it's gone." — Ceslynn Watkins, former customer service rep

Two heart attacks and living in an abandoned house

"I knew exactly right away what it was because I'd felt it before. I was having a heart attack." — Eric Schmidt, former construction worker

A move from NYC to Miami, a loss of coverage

"It wasn't the welcome that I wanted from Florida." — Harry Melo, student

A career in construction, until a back injury

"They just tell me I've been denied. Every time." — Timothy Lane, former landscaper

Piecing together medical care

"I wish I had insurance, so I can go to a private doctor." — Cynthia Louis, waiting a year to see a specialist

FLORIDA April 17, 2015 Miami Herald publishes 12 stories of people in the coverage gap

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