

Care4Carolina & Medicaid Expansion Update

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<https://care4carolina.com/act-now/>

A statewide coalition of 157 organizations dedicated to finding a North Carolina solution for closing North Carolina's Coverage Gap

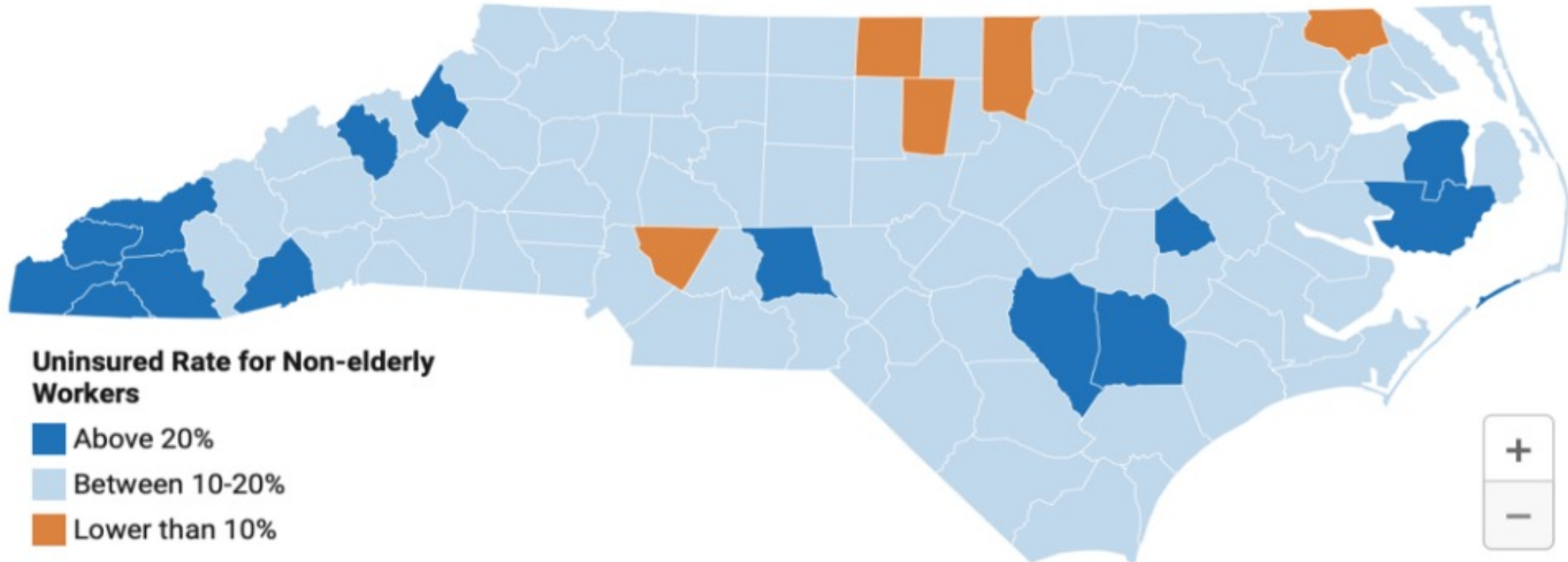
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Individuals in the Health Insurance Coverage Gap

- Ineligible for Medicaid —and who make TOO LITTLE to get a subsidy on the private marketplace.
- 75% are working people
- Farmers, construction workers, front-line workers like grocery store clerks, restaurant workers, childcare workers and nursing home aides.
- 7% of NC veterans

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Note: Includes all workers ages 19-64 regardless of income or citizenship status.

Source: Georgetown University Center for Children and Families analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019 Table DP03.

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\$180M Recurring Medicaid Expansion State Offsets*

State-Funded Mental Health

\$61M

Up to \$61M per year in state-funded mental health and substance use services, including those at state facilities, could be covered under Medicaid expansion (with full take-up); \$35 million mental health investments would be retained to meet MOE requirements for federal mental health block grant

Premium Tax Revenue

\$80M

~\$80M net increase after accounting for shift of some individuals from Marketplace coverage to Medicaid

Current Medicaid Program

\$25M

\$20M per year for populations whose eligibility may change from current limited-benefit category at 67% match rate to expansion adult group (pregnant women, breast & cervical cancer, medically needy)

Department of Public Safety

\$14M

\$14M per year for state-paid inmate inpatient care would be covered by federal Medicaid funds

*Much of this \$61m can't be cut due to Maintenance Of Effort for Federal Block grants, but this funding can be redirected to address other significant BH needs.

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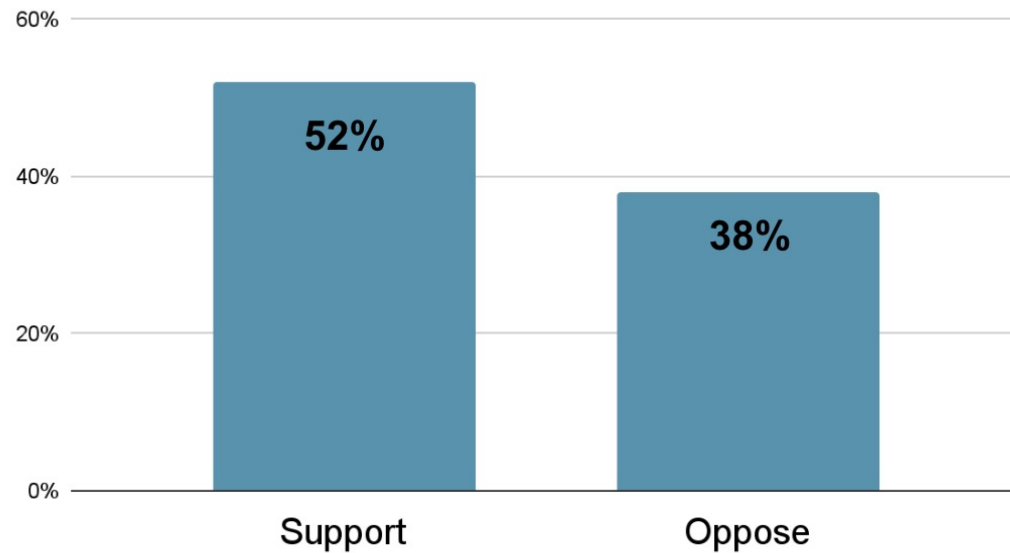
*States that close their coverage gap will receive a **5-percentage point increase** in the federal match rate for Medicaid for two years.*

The increased federal match rate would bring **\$1.7 billion** to North Carolina over two years.

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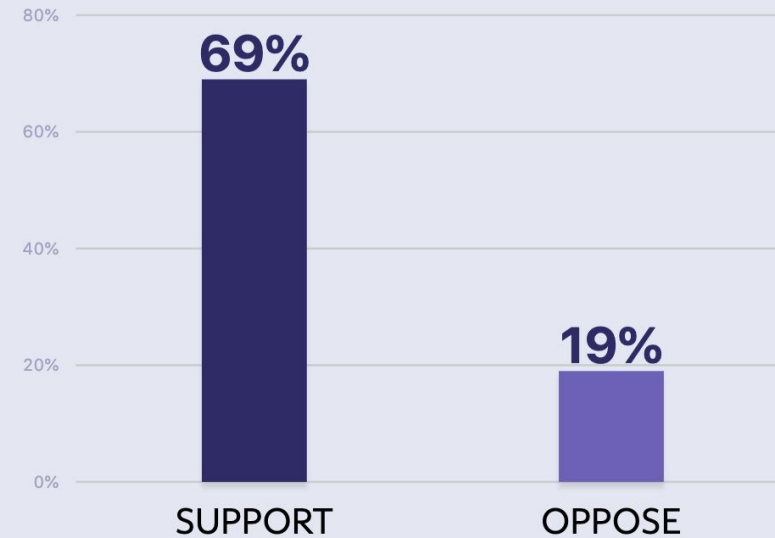


Republican Support for Expanding Medicaid in NC



600 registered Republican voters, October 26 - October 28, 2021, +/- 4.0%

SPECTRUM NEWS + IPSOS POLL
EXPANDING MEDICAID ACCESS IN NORTH CAROLINA



NC REGISTERED VOTERS, MAR 31 - APR 12 2022, +/-4.2%

When states close their health insurance coverage gap, more providers accept Medicaid patients.

- After closing its coverage gap, Ohio saw a 20% increase in primary care providers accepting Medicaid.[1]
- In Michigan, 78% of primary care providers accepted new Medicaid patients after the state closed its coverage gap.[2]
- Over 70% of Medicaid managed care organizations report expanding their provider networks because their states closed their coverage gaps.[3]

This increase in provider capacity improves access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries.

- Soon after Michigan closed its coverage gap, the availability of primary care appointments for new Medicaid beneficiaries increased by 12%.^[4]
 - 94% of new enrollees in Michigan reported having equal or better access to primary care.^[5]
 - 85% of new enrollees reported equal or better access to prescriptions.^[5]
- Across all states that closed their coverage gaps, appointment availability for Medicaid beneficiaries increased by 5.4 percentage points. Wait times for certain types of providers decreased by 6.7 percentage points.^[6]
 - There was no change in availability for people with private insurance.^[6]

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NC Medicaid Expansion Stakes Rise With Senate Leader Support

North Carolina government's most powerful Republican elected official has thrown his weight ...



“If there is a person in North Carolina who has spoken out against Medicaid expansion more than I have, I’d like to meet that person. I’d like to talk about why my view has changed. This is the right time and the right thing to do.”

— Senate Pro Tem Phil Berger

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- HB 149 becomes the NC Senate's Medicaid Expansion(plus) proposal
- HB 149, Expanding Access to Healthcare includes:
 - Medicaid Coverage through NC Health Works w/ trigger clause and work requirements if/when CMS approves
 - Assesses NC hospitals for portion of NC Health Works
 - Reforms North Carolina Certificate of Need (CON) program
 - Create regulations of advanced practice nurses
 - Coverage of telehealth services
- HB 149 passes Senate June 2 with 44 votes.

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- SB 409 becomes NC House Medicaid Expansion bill
- SB 409, Rural Healthcare Access and Savings Plan Act proposes:
 - A Joint Legislative Committee on Medicaid Rate Modernization and Savings Committee
 - Workforce Development Program
 - Work Requirement plan
- SB 409 passes House June 28, 102-6.

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- Budget passes NCGA without Medicaid Expansion
- NCGA adjourns July 1 with dates to reconvene monthly, July 26, August 23, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 13; action (if any) is TBD for each session
- Governor Cooper signed budget July 11

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“This budget does not include Medicaid Expansion, but the leadership in both the House and Senate now support it and both chambers have passed it. Negotiations are occurring now and we are closer than ever to agreement on Medicaid Expansion, therefore a veto of this budget would be counterproductive.”

- Statement from Governor Roy Cooper

“Moving forward, we are committed to working together to improve healthcare access and expand Medicaid, while providing the necessary safeguards to preserve the state’s fiscal strength. Active negotiations are occurring now toward that end.”

- Joint Statement from Senator Berger and Speaker Moore

As of TODAY...

- The House and Senate both Medicaid Expansion bills pending
- Continuing to build coalition support:
<https://care4carolina.com/act-now/>
- Adding stories to the story bank
tinyurl.com/C4CStoryShare

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CARE4CAROLINA STORY SHARE

YOUR story might be what helps make Medicaid expansion a reality. Hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians could benefit. But the facts need faces.

Have you experienced life in the health care coverage gap? Please visit the link to share your story.

English version
tinyurl.com/C4CStoryShare

Spanish version
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Fact of the Week #CloseTheGapNC to boost NC's economy by \$34 Billion by 2025. Read more in this week's blog: <https://lnkd.in/dGcF8Qgc>

**CLOSING THE
COVERAGE GAP
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Make the Fiscally Responsible Decision: Close the Coverage Gap - Care4Carolina

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September 13, 2022

Close the gap to support recovery from natural disasters

By Brittney Lofthouse, Western Regional Coordinator, Care4Carolina As one of the most vulnerable states in the US, all regions of North Carolina

Updates

Medicaid Expansion, Natural Disaster

North Carolina DHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen and Governor Roy Cooper address Care4Carolina



THANK YOU!

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