



Medicaid Updates

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Medicaid Expansion



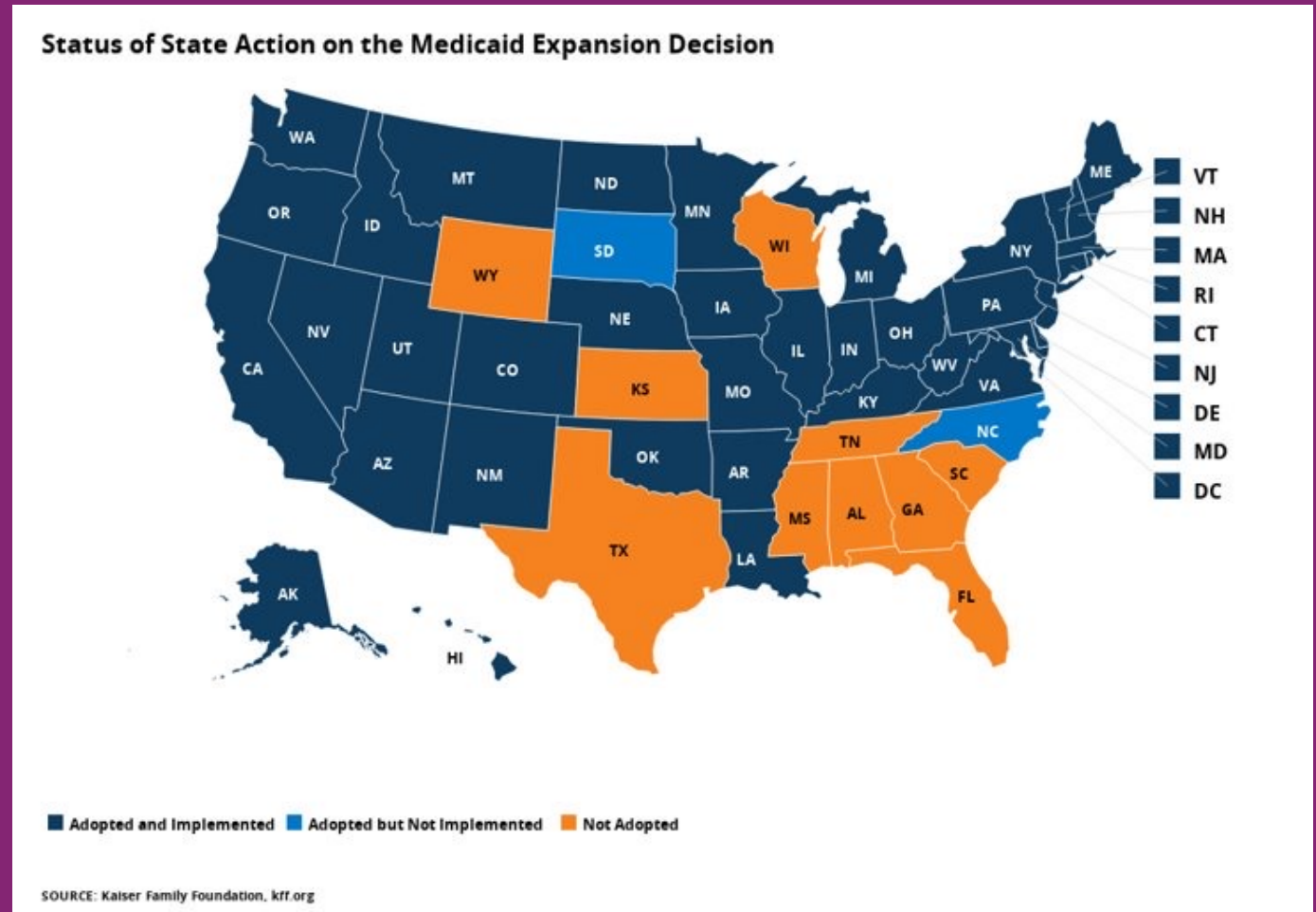
The Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Medicaid expansion created a new eligibility group for Medicaid coverage that includes nearly all adults with incomes up to *138%* of the Federal Poverty Level

It also provides states with an enhanced federal matching rate (FMAP) for their expansion population to help offset state costs for this new coverage group

Unlike most other Medicaid populations, eligibility for this group only includes, income, citizenship, and residency as requirements

National Expansion

- ✓ 41 states (including DC) have adopted the Medicaid expansion and 10 states have not adopted the expansion
- ✓ NC has adopted Medicaid Expansion, but implementation is contingent on appropriations in the SFY 2023-2024 biennial budget



Medicaid Expansion: Why Now?



Medicaid Expansion in NC!!



Gov. Cooper signed Medicaid Expansion into law on March 27, 2023!

- ✓ **About 600,000 North Carolinians will have coverage for both physical and behavioral health**
- ✓ **Includes a "work requirement"**
- ✓ **Enrolled adults will have access to FULL Medicaid benefits (including dental!)**

Medicaid Expansion: Who Qualifies

2023 Federal income guidelines for Medicaid for adults age 19-64 Up to 138% FPL

| Household Size | Yearly Income | Monthly Income |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | \$20,121 | \$1,677 |
| 2 | \$27,214 | \$2,268 |
| 3 | \$34,307 | \$2,859 |
| 4 | \$41,400 | \$3,450 |
| 5 | \$48,494 | \$4,042 |
| 6 | \$55,587 | \$4,633 |
| 7 | \$62,680 | \$5,224 |
| 8 | \$69,773 | \$5,815 |
| Each additional member | \$7,094 | \$592 |

Medicaid Expansion Implementation

Timeline Updates:

Budget: Still waiting :(

"Unwinding" : Underway

Before MedEx Enrollment:

Requires waiver approval

Ensuring Provider networks

Outreach and Edu of potential members

DHHS Workgroups:

External Partners Workgroup

Departmental Workgroup

Member Enrollment Workgroup (MEW)

Evaluation & Data Workgroup (DEW)

Health Care Access (HAW)

Communications Workgroup (CAW)*

DHHS Updates:

EPass for Expansion application

Family Planning enrollment

Medicaid Recertifications



- As of April 1, all states are required to begin "recertification" process for Medicaid eligibility
- North Carolina chose the longest timeline allowed- with terminations beginning July 1, 2023
- State must provide federal CMS with monthly updates and data including how many people lost coverage, how many people's eligibility was reviewed, and the reason coverage was terminated

RECERTIFICATIONS: STEPS AND RIGHTS



Update contact info with your local DSS office



Some folks WILL be disenrolled and will have to apply once Expanded Medicaid is live



Retroactive coverage will (hopefully) close the gap between disenrollment and enrollment in MedEx



If coverage is lost, you can appeal!



[Ncmedhelp.org](https://www.ncmedhelp.org)

RECERTIFICATIONS: STEPS AND RIGHTS



Reach DSS by phone during the redetermination process. This includes the right to leave a message instead of remaining on hold and to have your call returned within a reasonable time.



Request and receive help from DSS to obtain the information needed to redetermine your eligibility.



Have DSS accept your detailed statement about your income, assets, and most other facts needed to verify your eligibility, in writing or verbally, without providing supporting documents.



Not be asked to verify information DSS can obtain through electronic sources or to verify information that is not needed to redetermine your eligibility.



Have your Medicaid eligibility considered under all categories, including an alleged disability, before your Medicaid can be terminated or reduced.



Receive written notice that tells you what action has been taken and the reason it has been taken before your Medicaid is stopped or reduced.



Have your Medicaid reopened by DSS if it was terminated due to failure to provide information and you can provide the missing information within 90 days of when your Medicaid was terminated.

If you think your rights were violated by DSS, call 1-800-936-4971 or email hawkinsinfo@charlottelegaladvocacy.org.

RECERTIFICATIONS: HELPFUL LINKS

- NC Navigator Consortium: <https://ncnavigator.net/>
- NC Medicaid Ombudsman: <https://ncmedicaidombudsman.org/>
- NC Med Help: NCMedHelp.org
- If you think your rights were violated by your Department of Social Services (DSS), call 1-800-936-4971 or email hawkinsinfo@charlottelegaladvocacy.org

Questions?

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