

# BETTER CARE AMERICA

## Medicaid

**Medicaid is a safety net, there for when we need it. It's the largest health care program in the country – covering about one in five Americans, or about 73 million people.**

No matter how prepared you are, you never know when you or your family may face hard times. **All Americans deserve the peace of mind that comes from knowing Medicaid will protect their health and financial security.**

Medicaid coverage is available at little or no cost to enrollees and helps families in need access doctors and hospitals, nursing home care, prescription drugs, and other health services. Medicaid often also covers additional benefits like non-emergency medical transportation to doctors' appointments, dental care, and health education.

Medicaid is funded through federal and state partnerships. States can design their own programs within federal rules to provide health care and social support services in a way that works best for their residents.

Millions of our neighbors depend on Medicaid every day, including:



Nearly **two million** veterans



**Seven million** seniors age 65+



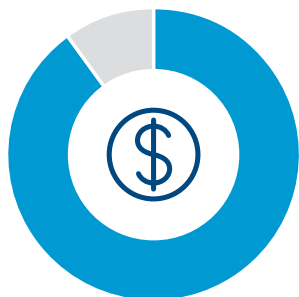
**11 million** Americans with disabilities



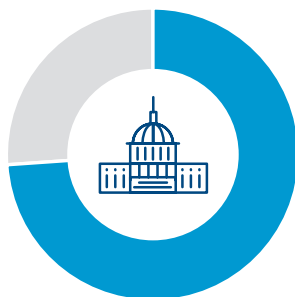
**37 million** children

39 states choose to partner with private health insurance providers to deliver Medicaid benefits for 43.5 million people across the country. **These Medicaid managed care programs streamline health care and work directly with doctors, hospitals and pharmacies, saving taxpayers billions of dollars.**

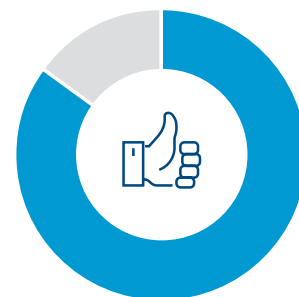
**Medicaid managed care plans help Americans improve and maintain their health.** Plans often work closely with local leaders and community organizations to help enrollees find a new job, access nutritious foods, and secure long-term housing. Plans may also help with non-medical transportation – like rides to the grocery store or pharmacy – and necessities like home heating and air conditioning.



**Fewer than 10% of Americans** want to see cuts to federal Medicaid funding



Medicaid is viewed favorably by **a bipartisan 74% of Americans** once they learn more about the program



**85% of Americans with Medicaid managed care** are satisfied with their coverage – higher than those with traditional Medicaid

## THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)

More than nine million American children are covered by CHIP. Depending on the state, these programs may be part of Medicaid or separate. CHIP often provides health care coverage to low-income children whose families make too much to qualify for Medicaid. CHIP programs also may cover pregnant women to ensure kids have the best possible start from birth.

## MEDICAID EXPANSION

Everyone deserves access to affordable, quality care. National and state governments work closely with health insurance providers on different ways to ensure all hardworking Americans are covered. Medicaid's flexibility is key to ensuring all states can choose to deliver the right care at the right time – in the right way that works for their residents.

**36 states and DC provide access to health care through Medicaid expansion.** That means they've increased the number of low-income Americans eligible for the program. When states choose to expand Medicaid, they receive additional federal financial support for the program –about 90% of costs. So far, these expansion programs have resulted in an additional 12 million Americans gaining coverage across the country.

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