

#TheNetBenefit

When everyone has access to health care, we all benefit.

When our neighbors have access to health care, they have the opportunity to live up to their potential, and bring limitless value to their communities and to our state. Children

are healthier and better prepared to learn; adults are able to lead healthy, productive lives; people with disabilities are more likely to live independently and outside of costly institutional care; and communities thrive.

Missourians most in need rely on a combination of federal, state, and local programs to meet their health needs. Funding supports local hospitals, community health centers, and health care professionals, especially in rural areas. Even still, more than 580,000 Missourians are uninsured and have limited or no access to health care.



"We serve anyone regardless of insurance status. They can access our primary medical, dental, and behavioral health, and there's equal access to the resources. We are here to serve all and no one gets turned away."

- Brett H., Rolla

Medicaid (MO HealthNet)



More than 965,000 Missourians were enrolled MO HealthNet, the state's Medicaid program, in 2016. Medicaid provides vital coverage for children—including those with special needs—who otherwise wouldn't be able to get the care they need to grow and thrive. Medicaid also helps seniors stay in their homes, and covers people with disabilities so they can afford their care.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)



In Missouri, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides health insurance to children from families who are working hard to get by. CHIP covers about 80,000 low-income children under 19 years of age whose families earn too much to qualify for Medicaid services.

Local Services



Local hospitals, community health centers, and health care professionals make up a crucial network of support across Missouri. Many are supported by state and federal programs to ensure our neighbors have access to important preventive care to lead healthy lives, as well as critical health services in times of need.