Missouri Medicaid Basics
2020 At-a-Glance

Note: This factsheet reflects the state fiscal year 2020 status of Missouri’s Medicaid program. Medicaid expansion is not scheduled to take effect until July 2021.

What is Medicaid?
Missouri’s Medicaid program (MO HealthNet) provides health insurance for low-income children and parents, seniors, pregnant women, and people with disabilities. It allows Missourians to see a doctor when they are sick, get checkups, buy medications, and go to the hospital. Having health insurance allows Missourians to maintain their health, go to work, and take care of their families.

Who is enrolled in MO HealthNet?
Many different types of people are covered, though most enrollees are kids.

Eligible groups include parents, children, pregnant women, seniors, and persons who are blind or disabled.

61% of enrollees are under the age of 19.

Missouri currently has some of the strictest eligibility requirements in the country.
A non-disabled adult with children will qualify if their income is below 21% of the federal poverty line. This means a family of four must earn less than $5,550 a year.

Adults who are not parents are not eligible, regardless of income.

Families and children use fewer resources.

- 27% of enrollees
- 73% of spending

- 35% of enrollees
- 65% of spending

Across the state, MO HealthNet:

- Covers 1 out of every 7 people
- Covers more than 1/3 of all children
- Pays for 2/3 of the cost of nursing home care
Missourians from all across the state are enrolled in MO HealthNet

How has COVID-19 impacted enrollment?

More Missourians are eligible for coverage due to the pandemic and its economic impact.

Enrollment increased by 17% during the first nine months of the pandemic (January-September 2020).

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<th>COVID-19 Enrollment Growth by Eligibility Group (January-September 2020)</th>
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<td>Persons with Disabilities</td>
<td>11.6%</td>
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<td>Older Adults</td>
<td>5.4%</td>
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<td>Custodial Parents</td>
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<td>Pregnant Women</td>
<td>76.6%</td>
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<td>Children (CHIP and Medicaid)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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During the public health emergency, the federal government has increased its share of financing to offset the costs of increased enrollment.

As a condition of receiving these temporary enhanced funds, states may not remove anyone from the Medicaid rolls, accounting for much of the increase in the table above.

To learn more about MO HealthNet eligibility and enrollment, covered services, delivery systems, financing and expenditures, and more, read our full Missouri Medicaid Basics 2020 publication.