

Medicaid expansion makes sense for Missourians

Medicaid, or MO HealthNet, provides health insurance for low-income children and parents, seniors, pregnant women, and people with disabilities in Missouri. Expanding MO HealthNet would bring our taxpayer dollars back home, boost our state economy, create jobs, and ensure more Missourians have access to health care that allows them to stay healthy and go to work. No matter how you look at it, expanding Medicaid in Missouri just makes sense.

Currently in Missouri

\$5,550

Parents can only qualify for Medicaid if their income is less than \$5,550 a year for a family of four.



With Expansion

\$18,000

An individual who makes up to \$18,000 per year would be eligible.

564,000

564,000 Missourians do not have health insurance. Most make too much money to qualify for Medicaid but don't make enough to afford private insurance and aren't offered coverage through their jobs.



230,000

Approximately 230,000 are expected to gain health insurance through MO HealthNet, Missouri's Medicaid program.

500,000+

500,000+ Missourians have filed for unemployment since the COVID-19 outbreak.



16,000+

More than 16,000 new jobs would be created on average per year, providing a needed step toward helping our state's economic recovery.



90%

By law, the federal government would cover 90% of the costs of Medicaid expansion, bringing hard-earned Missouri tax dollars back home.

\$2.5 Billion

With expansion, economic output would increase by an annual average of \$2.5 billion between 2022 and 2026.

Medicaid expansion makes sense for ALL Missourians

When Missourians have access to the care they need to get and stay healthy, everyone benefits. Medicaid, or MO HealthNet, provides health insurance for low-income children and parents, seniors, pregnant women, and people with disabilities in Missouri. Expanding MO HealthNet will ensure more Missourians have access to care and benefit ALL Missourians by boosting our economy, lowering health care costs, enhancing access to care, and keeping schools and communities safe.

Don't think Medicaid expansion would affect you? Did you know Medicaid expansion would...



Grow Our Economy

- Economic output would increase by **\$2.5 billion** and personal income would increase by **\$1.1 billion** on average per year between 2022 and 2026.
- More than **16,000 new jobs** would be created on average per year.



Keep Health Care Costs Down for Everyone

- When an uninsured Missourian goes to the emergency room, we all pay for that care through increased insurance premiums and higher state and local taxes. With expansion, uninsured doctor visits would decrease by **31%**.
- Local hospitals would lose **\$6.8 billion** in uncompensated care costs if we do not expand Medicaid by 2022.



Improve Health and Access to Care

When Missourians are uninsured, they are less likely to seek care if they are sick. Having health insurance allows Missourians to access preventive care to find and treat small problems before they become big ones. This prevents people from getting so sick that they cannot work and keeps our communities safer and stronger.

- **230,000 more Missourians** would have access to treatment and preventive care.
- Hospitals and clinics would have the support they need to stay open and provide critical care. Seven rural hospitals have closed in recent years.
- Expansion would provide health coverage for some of the **500,000+ Missourians** who have lost their job and health insurance due to the COVID-19 outbreak.