

Medicaid Expansion Fact Sheet



Georgia is considering expanding Medicaid, a health insurance program for some people with limited income and resources.

Here are some reasons why Medicaid expansion is right for Georgia:

1 The Coverage Gap

Too many of our neighbors are left unprotected. **Georgia has the 2nd highest number of uninsured people in the country, with more than 1.3 million Georgians uninsured.** While most uninsured Georgians work, they are often stuck in the coverage gap. **Georgia should expand Medicaid so that more people can access affordable health coverage.**

2 Many Don't Qualify

Many of our neighbors living without health coverage make "too much" to qualify for Medicaid. Without expansion, a family of three making ~\$28,000 a year doesn't qualify, while most single adults don't qualify or can't access due to administrative burden. **Expanding Medicaid will ease the rules, eliminating obstacles that block Georgians from coverage.**

3 Local Economies

Medicaid is health insurance for people who don't get insurance through their jobs. **Expanding Medicaid could give hundreds of thousands of Georgians access to care, while creating many local jobs—ensuring our neighbors can get the healthcare they need to stay healthy while fueling our economy.**

4 Racial Equity

One of the major reasons Black and brown Georgians experience worse health outcomes than white Americans is lack of access to affordable health insurance. **Georgia should expand Medicaid to make health coverage more accessible and equitable for every resident in our state.**

5 Rural Hospitals

Hospitals in rural Georgia are shutting down at an alarming rate, forcing people to travel hours for care or go without access to lifesaving care in an emergency. **Georgia should expand Medicaid to strengthen our rural hospitals and make affordable health coverage more accessible no matter where you live.**

6 Healthcare Is a Right

We all deserve access to quality, affordable care—it's a basic right. Yet many of us and our neighbors are forced to delay or go without care. Expanding Medicaid means more people can actually get the care they need when they need it. **Georgia should expand Medicaid and protect everyone's right to access healthcare.**

7 Leaving Money on the Table

Expanding Medicaid is not just good for our health, it's also a smart investment. **Expanding Medicaid means more federal funding to strengthen our economy, keep our hospitals open, and build a healthier state.** Instead, our leaders are leaving billions of dollars on the table—money which could provide healthcare to hundreds of thousands of Georgians.

8 One of Ten States

Georgia is 1 of just 10 states that hasn't expanded Medicaid. Thousands of Georgians are uninsured because they do not qualify or can't get enrolled. If they lived in another state, they could have access to the care they need. **Georgia should expand Medicaid because where you live shouldn't impact whether you get healthcare at all.**

9 People Over Politics

For over a decade, Georgia lawmakers have put politics over people and refused to expand Medicaid—even though we know it would mean healthier communities and a stronger economy. **It's time for our lawmakers to put politics aside and expand Medicaid so every Georgian has access to the coverage and care they need.**

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