



## Medicaid

Medicaid, which is jointly financed by federal and state governments, is the main source of health insurance coverage for Americans who have low income. States administer their Medicaid programs under federal guidelines that mandate a minimum set of services that must be provided to certain categories of low-income people. On average, the federal government pays for about 63 percent of Medicaid services, depending on the year. State Medicaid programs cover a comprehensive set of services, including hospital care (both inpatient and outpatient), physicians' services, nursing home care, home health care, and certain additional services for children. States have the authority to cover other services and populations and have used that authority extensively. Moreover, many states seek and receive waivers of federal statutory limitations. Those waivers allow them to provide benefits and to cover groups that would otherwise be excluded.

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	Actual, 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2027- 2031	2027- 2036
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>														
Billions of dollars, by fiscal year														
<b>Estimated Outlays<sup>a</sup></b>	668	708	726	746	754	777	804	834	870	905	941	981	<b>3,806</b>	<b>8,338</b>
<b>Components of the Medicaid Program</b>														
Benefits														
Acute care														
Fee for service	142	148	151	155	156	161	166	173	181	189	197	207	<b>788</b>	<b>1,736</b>
Managed care	295	319	325	331	328	337	348	360	376	391	407	423	<b>1,669</b>	<b>3,625</b>
Medicare premiums	16	18	19	21	22	23	25	27	29	31	33	35	<b>110</b>	<b>266</b>
Long-term care														
Institutional care	64	66	67	68	68	69	69	70	71	71	72	73	<b>341</b>	<b>697</b>
Home- and community-based care	<u>110</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>176</u>	<b>662</b>	<b>1,473</b>
Total	627	668	684	702	707	727	751	778	812	845	878	914	<b>3,570</b>	<b>7,798</b>
Disproportionate Share Hospitals	8	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	10	<b>34</b>	<b>80</b>
Vaccines for Children	7	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	10	10	11	11	<b>40</b>	<b>92</b>
Administration	27	28	29	31	32	34	36	37	39	41	43	45	<b>162</b>	<b>368</b>
<b>PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION</b>														
<b>Federal Benefit Payments by Eligibility Category (Billions of dollars)</b>														
Aged	125	135	142	149	156	162	169	176	184	192	200	208	<b>780</b>	<b>1,738</b>
Blind and Disabled	191	202	211	220	229	238	248	259	272	285	297	311	<b>1,147</b>	<b>2,570</b>
Children	85	89	91	93	95	99	106	110	113	116	120	124	<b>485</b>	<b>1,069</b>
Adults in Traditional Eligibility Categories	83	90	92	93	92	95	98	101	106	111	116	121	<b>470</b>	<b>1,024</b>
Adults Made Eligible by the ACA	<u>144</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>150</u>	<b>690</b>	<b>1,396</b>
Total	627	668	684	702	707	727	751	778	812	845	878	914	<b>3,570</b>	<b>7,798</b>
<b>Average Monthly Enrollment by Eligibility Category (Millions of people)<sup>b</sup></b>														
Aged	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	n.a.	n.a.
Blind and Disabled	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	n.a.	n.a.
Children	31	31	31	30	30	29	30	30	30	29	29	29	n.a.	n.a.
Adults in Traditional Eligibility Categories	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	n.a.	n.a.
Adults Made Eligible by the ACA	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	n.a.	n.a.
Total	82	83	81	79	76	75	75	75	74	74	74	73	n.a.	n.a.

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	Actual, 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2027- 2031	2027- 2036
<b>Memorandum:</b>														
Total Enrolled Within a Fiscal Year	98	99	96	94	91	89	89	89	89	88	88	87	n.a	n.a
<b>Average Federal Spending on Benefit Payments per Enrollee (Dollars)<sup>c</sup></b>														
Aged	15,660	16,000	16,490	16,990	17,480	18,050	18,590	19,190	19,880	20,580	21,240	21,980	n.a	n.a
Blind and Disabled	21,450	22,140	22,890	23,670	24,410	25,580	26,550	27,500	28,580	29,680	30,720	31,910	n.a	n.a
Children	2,710	2,840	2,980	3,100	3,210	3,380	3,510	3,670	3,830	3,980	4,150	4,350	n.a	n.a
Adults in Traditional Eligibility Categories	4,820	5,120	5,290	5,500	5,600	5,900	6,160	6,440	6,730	7,020	7,340	7,680	n.a	n.a
Adults Made Eligible by the ACA	8,670	9,240	9,860	10,440	11,110	11,770	12,260	12,730	13,270	13,830	14,460	15,130	n.a	n.a

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; ACA = Affordable Care Act; n.a. = not applicable.

- a. On average, before fiscal year 2014, federal Medicaid payments represented approximately 57 percent of total Medicaid payments. The ACA, which expanded Medicaid coverage starting in 2014, provides enhanced federal matching rates for services to people made eligible by that act, leading to a federal share for all Medicaid payments of about 63 percent, on average.
- b. These figures represent the number of beneficiaries with full and partial benefits who are enrolled on an average monthly basis. The total number of people enrolled in Medicaid for any length of time during the fiscal year is shown in the memorandum line.
- c. These figures are based on the annual cost for enrollees who receive any Medicaid benefit—including those who receive only partial Medicaid benefits, such as family planning services or assistance with Medicare cost sharing and premiums.