



## Medicaid Expansion in Alaska – Key Data Points

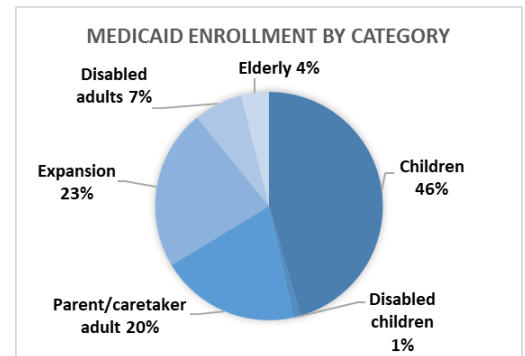
### Who is served by Medicaid Expansion<sup>1</sup>?

**47,838** Alaskans get quality health coverage through Medicaid Expansion. Most are working adults who do not receive insurance through their employer.

**Expansion began on September 1, 2015**



Demographics of Medicaid expansion enrollees				
	19-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
Enrollee count	19,353	8,650	9,196	10,639
Male	27,767		Female	20,071



### What does Medicaid Expansion cost Alaska?

Medicaid expansion is a powerful leverage of state funds. For 2019 the match is 93% which means for every dollar spent on expansion benefits the State pays 7 cents. While the program's total cost in FY18 was \$420 million the cost to the state of Alaska was just \$15.6 million, a 25.9 to 1 match.<sup>2</sup>

**Total Medicaid Expansion claims paid (9/9/15—1/2/19)**  
**\$1,235,975,209**

### Medicaid Expansion Metrics by State Fiscal year<sup>3</sup>

Fiscal Year	Unduplicated Enrollees	State Spend		Federal Spend		Total Spend	
		Total (\$M)	\$ per Enrollee	Total (\$M)	\$ per Enrollee	Total (\$M)	\$ per Enrollee
2016	23,694	0.0	0	\$138.0	\$5,825	\$138.0	\$5,825
2017	40,717	\$6.8	\$167	\$371.1	\$8,946	\$377.9	\$9,113
2018	50,552	\$15.6	\$308	\$404.5	\$8,002	\$420.1	\$8,310

**General fund** savings are based on a decrease in the cost of behavioral health services, health care cost for corrections systems, and other savings. The result has been a small net cost of Alaska to expand Medicaid.

### Projection for cost of Medicaid expansion for FY19

*General fund cost, FY19: \$20.04 million*

*General fund savings, FY19: \$17.2 million*

**Net cost to the state: \$2.8 million**

## Economic Effects of Repealing Medicaid Expansion in Alaska

Medicaid expansion brought \$420.1 million into the Alaska economy in State FY 2018. Eliminating Medicaid expansion would remove these resources from the Alaska economy. The economic impact is estimated to be significant<sup>4</sup>:

- 3,700 lost jobs
- \$267 million loss in annual labor income
- \$556 million loss in annual total economic output (under SFY 2018 conditions)
- Eliminating expansion would cost the Alaska economy more jobs than it is expected to grow in 2019.

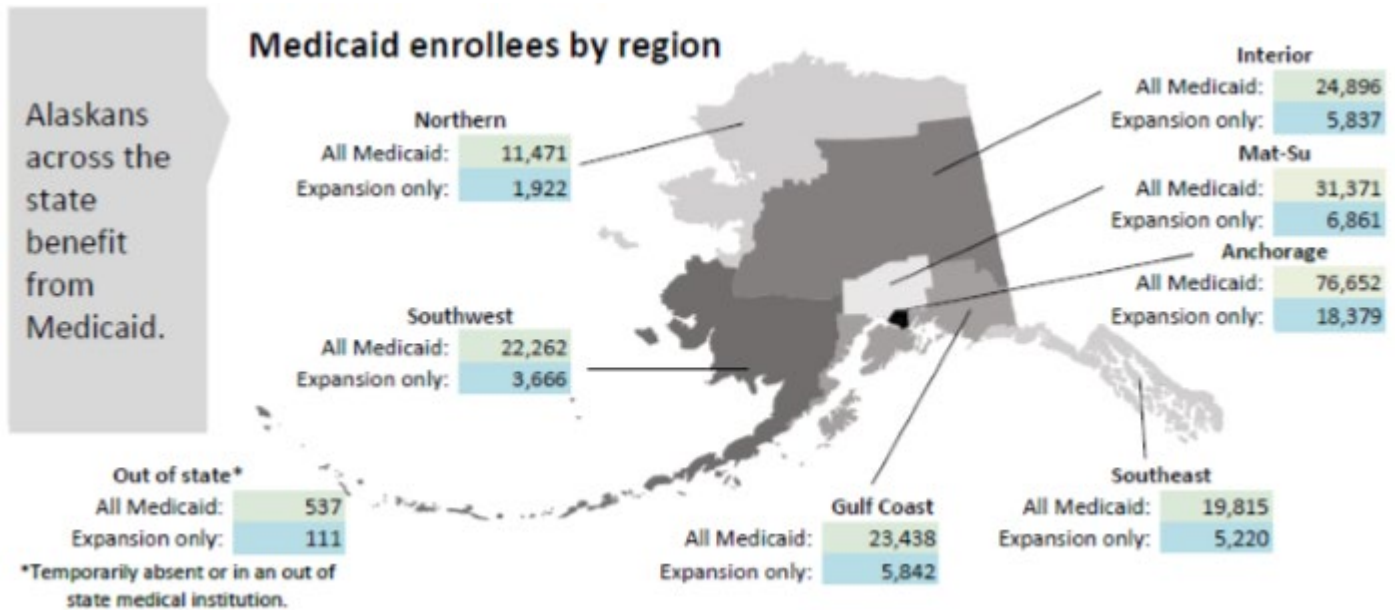
The federal government’s matching funds are responsible for much of the economic impact. For calendar year 2019, the federal match is 93 percent, which means that for every dollar spent on enrollee benefits, the State of Alaska pays seven cents.

### What state matching funds are required?

Expansion was 100% federally funded through 2016 and will transition to 90% in 2020 and beyond. The actual state match paid for Medicaid expansion is lower than 10% because tribal Medicaid recipients always receive a 100% federal match.<sup>5</sup>

GENERAL FUND MATCH:	
CY 2019:	4.23%
CY 2020:	5.53%
CY 2021:	6.50%

### Medicaid serves Alaskans across the State<sup>6</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Medicaid Dashboard Jan. 31, 2019

<sup>2</sup> King, Jonathan Halycon, The Economic Effects of Repealing Medicaid Expansion in Alaska, Conservative Adjusted Scenario, February 7, 2019

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.legfin.akleg.gov/MedicaidFAQ/FAQs.php>

<sup>4</sup> King, Economic Effects

<sup>5</sup> Alaska Native expansion enrollees have an FMAP of 100% if their care takes place within the tribal health system (including care provided through coordinated care agreements) this raises the total match higher than the federal base match.

<sup>6</sup> Medicaid Dashboard Jan. 31, 2019