

National Medicaid Enrollment Progression, 2014-2017

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Introduction

- This edition of the 5 Slide Series presents national Medicaid enrollment progression during the “expansion era” from January 2014 through September 2017.
- We used published CMS monthly enrollment data for each state (source: <https://data.medicaid.gov/Enrollment/Medicaid-Enrollment-New-Adult-Group/pfrr-tr7q/data>) which shows overall enrollment. This data also isolates monthly enrollment in “Group VIII” which is the Medicaid expansion eligible population.
- Our tabulations show how Medicaid enrollment has trended overall, within the expansion population, and within the non-expansion population. We also show collective trends between the 31 states (and the District of Columbia) that adopted Medicaid expansion as of 2017, relative to the trends in the other 19 states that did not adopt Medicaid expansion as of that point in time.

National Medicaid Enrollment Growth, 2014 - 2017

- Nationwide Medicaid enrollment grew by 9.6 million persons (15%) from January 2014 to September 2017.
- All of this growth is attributable to the adoption of Medicaid expansion (in 31 states) – enrollment in the non-expansion population *decreased by 3%* across this timeframe.

Month	Group VIII (expansion population)	All Other Medicaid	Medicaid Total
January 2014	5,077,489	57,385,294	62,462,783
January 2015	11,103,627	63,084,313	74,187,940
January 2016	14,152,166	60,917,745	75,069,911
January 2017	15,365,343	59,392,032	74,757,375
September 2017	16,619,020	55,471,355	72,090,375
Overall Enrollment Change, January 2014 - September 2017	11,541,531	(1,913,939)	9,627,592
Percentage Enrollment Change, January 2014 - September 2017	227%	-3%	15%

Medicaid Enrollment Trajectory Across Expansion and Non-Expansion States, 2014 - 2017

- Across the non-expansion states (those not adopting Medicaid expansion as of 2017), Medicaid enrollment grew by 1.96 million persons (10%) from January 2014 to September 2017.
- Almost all of this growth occurred during 2014; Medicaid enrollment was stable across these 19 non-expansion states from January 2015 – September 2015.
- Enrollment in expansion states collectively grew by 18% across the January 2014 – September 2017 timeframe.

Month	Non-Expansion States (n = 19)	Expansion States (31 States + DC)
January 2014	20,297,562	42,165,221
January 2015	22,077,052	52,110,888
January 2016	22,350,734	52,719,177
January 2017	22,609,831	52,147,544
September 2017	22,257,741	49,832,634
Overall Enrollment Change, January 2014 - September 2017	1,960,179	7,667,413
Percentage Enrollment Change, January 2014 - September 2017	10%	18%

In The Expansion States, Enrollment for the Non-Expansion Population Has Decreased

- Across the 31 states (+ DC) that had implemented Medicaid expansion as of 2017, enrollment of the traditional (non-expansion) Medicaid population decreased by 10% from January 2014 – September 2018.
- This decrease was exactly opposite the 10% increase in traditional Medicaid enrollment that occurred during this same timeframe across the 19 non-expansion states.

Month	Non-Expansion Enrollees in Expansion States
January 2014	37,087,732
January 2015	41,007,261
January 2016	38,567,011
January 2017	36,782,201
September 2017	33,213,614
Overall Enrollment Change, January 2014 - September 2017	(3,874,118)
Percentage Enrollment Change, January 2014 - September 2017	-10%

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