

Michigan Legislators' Guide to the

Face of Medicaid

2009

You know the face of Medicaid

With the continuing uncertainties in the state and national economies, it's likely that you know someone who benefits from the Michigan Medicaid program.

Maybe a friend, a neighbor or a family member.

Nearly one in six people in Michigan is enrolled in the state Medicaid program.

Medicaid funding to hospitals and physicians must not be cut at a time when people are seeking treatment in Michigan hospitals, clinics and offices millions of times each year.



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Our Parents and Grandparents

- 70 percent of the Medicaid budget is for middle-class and low-income elderly and disabled.
- 101,000 of Michigan's Medicaid enrollees are senior citizens age 65 and older.
- Two-thirds of Michigan nursing home patients are covered by Medicaid.

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Michigan's Children and Moms

- 29 percent of the Medicaid budget is used for medical care for children and their mothers.
- Approximately 44 percent of all births in Michigan are covered by Medicaid.
- In 26 Michigan counties, 50 percent or more of all births were covered by Medicaid.
- Medicaid currently pays for more than 54,000 births a year, almost 50 percent more than the previous year.
- Of Michigan's Medicaid enrollees, 31,000 are expectant mothers and 222,000 are parents and caretaker relatives.

- 912,000 of Michigan's Medicaid enrollees are infants and children up to age 18, including disabled children.
- Medicaid covers at least 40 percent of children in 35 Michigan counties.



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Our Most Vulnerable Citizens

- More than 80 percent of Michigan's mental health costs are covered by Medicaid.
- 232,000 of Michigan's Medicaid enrollees between the ages of 19-64 are disabled adults.
- Medicaid provides much of the health care for people with HIV and AIDS.



Medicaid Facts Reveal Need for Increased Medicaid Funding

Medicaid Enrollment Skyrockets as Economy Plummet

- 1.6 million people in Michigan are currently enrolled in Medicaid—that's a 47 percent increase since 1999.
- It is projected that this number will continue to increase during FY 2009.

Most Medicaid Funding Comes from the Federal Government

- For each \$1 invested in Medicaid services in Michigan, the state pays 40 cents and the federal government pays 60 cents.
- For each dollar cut in Medicaid funding, Michigan loses another \$1.52 in federal matching funds for FY 2009.

- If the state cuts \$10 million from its Medicaid general fund contribution, Michigan providers and their patients will be denied \$25 million in essential health care funding.



Access Lost with Medicaid Cuts

- Medicaid underfunds hospitals by more than \$1.1 billion when compared to Medicare rates for the same health care services.
- Though the Medicaid caseload continues to increase, funding to Michigan hospitals has been cut by more than \$850 million since 1999.
- Funding cuts have exacted their toll on patient access, with 35 Michigan hospitals closing since 1995.
- Over the past decade, physician reimbursements have effectively increased just once, and still cover only 61 percent of costs.





Access Lost, *continued*

- Because of chronically low reimbursements, physician participation in the Medicaid program has dwindled from 88 percent in 1999 to 64 percent in 2005.
- With the growing Medicaid enrollment since 1999, access to care is increasingly difficult, especially in medical specialties.

Medicaid Provides Efficient Care

- In FY 2007, Michigan's annual Medicaid spending per patient was \$5,180, which ranks in the lowest percentile among the seven Great Lakes states.
- In 2007, Michigan hospital cost per adjusted admission was 5.5 percent below the national average and ranked lowest among the Great Lake states.



Percent of All Michigan Children Covered by Medicaid *by County*

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| Alcona | 39% |
| Alger | 36% |
| Allegan | 31% |
| Alpena | 41% |
| Antrim | 42% |
| Arenac | 45% |
| Baraga | 40% |
| Barry | 28% |
| Bay | 37% |
| Benzie | 35% |
| Berrien | 39% |
| Branch | 39% |
| Calhoun | 41% |
| Cass | 40% |
| Charlevoix | 33% |
| Cheboygan | 48% |
| Chippewa | 41% |
| Clare | 49% |
| Clinton | 19% |
| Crawford | 42% |
| Delta | 37% |

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| Dickinson | 34% |
| Eaton | 26% |
| Emmet | 39% |
| Genesee | 43% |
| Gladwin | 43% |
| Gogebic | 44% |
| Grand Traverse | 33% |
| Gratiot | 39% |
| Hillsdale | 36% |
| Houghton | 32% |
| Huron | 39% |
| Ingham | 31% |
| Ionia | 32% |
| Iosco | 49% |
| Iron | 44% |
| Isabella | 24% |
| Jackson | 36% |
| Kalamazoo | 30% |
| Kalkaska | 49% |
| Kent | 32% |
| Keweenaw | 29% |

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| Lake | 53% |
| Lapeer | 28% |
| Leelanau | 19% |
| Lenawee | 31% |
| Livingston | 14% |
| Luce | 50% |
| Mackinac | 37% |
| Macomb | 26% |
| Manistee | 38% |
| Marquette | 28% |
| Mason | 43% |
| Mecosta | 36% |
| Menominee | 33% |
| Midland | 28% |
| Missaukee | 35% |
| Monroe | 25% |
| Montcalm | 41% |
| Montmorency | 48% |
| Muskegon | 44% |
| Newaygo | 39% |
| Oakland | 18% |

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| Oceana | 48% |
| Ogemaw | 51% |
| Ontonagon | 43% |
| Osceola | 38% |
| Oscoda | 44% |
| Otsego | 41% |
| Ottawa | 21% |
| Presque Isle | 35% |
| Roscommon | 49% |
| Saginaw | 42% |
| Sanilac | 41% |
| Schoolcraft | 47% |
| Shiawassee | 36% |
| St. Clair | 33% |
| St. Joseph | 42% |
| Tuscola | 38% |
| Van Buren | 40% |
| Washtenaw | 19% |
| Wayne | 44% |
| Wexford | 50% |



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