

Medicaid Expansion: How Many Would Benefit in South Florida and The Avenues for Expansion

Medicaid Expansion would cover 837,000 low-income Floridian adults ¹

How many of them live in South Florida?²

Approximately 30% of potential beneficiaries live in South Florida, including³:

- 123,206 in Miami-Dade County
- 71,396 in Broward County
- 48,881 in Palm Beach County

What are the avenues for expanding Medicaid?

- *Legislative action:* Minnesota, Maryland, New York, New Mexico, Arizona, Iowa, Michigan have expanded the program through legislative action.⁴
- *Ballot initiatives:* Maine, Idaho, Nebraska, and Utah have expanded Medicaid through ballot initiatives. A coalition of health care advocates in Florida has already collected 10% of the required number of signatures to put a question on the state's November ballot in 2022.⁵

¹ Garfield, Rachel, Kendal Orgera, and Anthony Damico. 2019. "The Coverage Gap: Uninsured Poor Adults in States That Do Not Expand Medicaid." Issue brief. Washington, D.C.: Kaiser Family Foundation. <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/the-coverage-gap-uninsured-poor-adults-in-states-that-do-not-expand-medicaid/>.

² South Florida, also referred to as the "Miami Metropolitan Area" is defined as including Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

³ Childers, Matt. 2019. "Medicaid Expansion Would Grant 837,000 Low-Income Floridians Access to Health Insurance and One Out of Four Live in Greater Miami." Policy Brief. Miami, FL: Florida Health Justice Project.

⁴ United States. 2010. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Vol. 42 (2010). <https://www.congress.gov/bills/111/3590>. See also Antonisse, Larisa, and Robin Rudowitz. "An Overview of State Approaches to Adopting the Medicaid Expansion." Issue brief. Washington, D. C.: Kaiser Family Foundation, February 27, 2019. <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/an-overview-of-state-approaches-to-adopting-the-medicaid-expansion/>.

⁵ News Service of Florida. 2019. "Medicaid Expansion Amendment Reaches Review by Florida Supreme Court - South Florida Sun-Sentinel." South Florida Sun-Sentinel, June 4, 2019. <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/politics/fl-ne-nsf-medicaid-expansion-florida-supreme-court-20190603-5v7pys52jfbqijfpw5bje4um-story.html>.