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

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

