

PROTECT OUR CARE

By The Numbers: How Medicaid Strengthens New Jersey

Medicaid is not only a lifeline for millions of New Jerseyans, it strengthens our communities in countless ways. These are reasons why the program is overwhelmingly popular: [74 percent](#) of Americans support Medicaid.

NEW JERSEYANS DEPEND ON MEDICAID

- **1,745,461 New Jerseyans Are Covered Through Medicaid.** 1,745,461 New Jerseyans [have medical coverage](#) through Medicaid - most of them children, seniors, and people with disabilities.
- **In New Jersey, Adults Up To 138 Percent Of The Federal Poverty Line May Enroll In Medicaid.** After expanding Medicaid, New Jersey residents earning up to 138 percent [of the federal poverty line](#) are now eligible to enroll in Medicaid.
- **562,800 New Jerseyans Have Gained Coverage Through Medicaid Expansion.** Thanks to Medicaid expansion, 562,800 New Jersey residents [are enrolled](#) in the program.

MEDICAID IS A LIFELINE FOR CHILDREN, SENIORS, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

32 Percent of New Jersey's Children Rely on Medicaid. 32 percent of New Jersey [children rely](#) on Medicaid for coverage. Medicaid pays almost \$4 billion annually in school-based health services. Schools depend on these funds connect students with vital health resources — [68 percent](#) of school superintendents said that they used these funds to keep nurses, counselors, and speech therapists on staff.

Medicaid Supports 59 Percent Of New Jerseyans In Nursing Homes. 59 percent of New Jerseyans living in nursing homes [have coverage](#) through Medicaid.

Medicaid Covers 16 Percent of New Jersey's Seniors and People with Disabilities. In New Jersey, 16 percent of seniors and people with disabilities [have health coverage through Medicaid](#), including for nursing home care. Nationally, approximately [one in four people](#) on Medicaid are seniors (9 percent) or people with disabilities (15 percent). However, their care represents about [two-thirds](#) of all Medicaid spending. In other words, funding cuts to Medicaid will disproportionately affect the most vulnerable.

MEDICAID HELPS NEW JERSEYANS ACCESS TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION

Medicaid Covers [One In Four](#) Americans With An Opioid Use Disorder. Medicaid pays for 22 percent of New Jersey's [buprenorphine](#) expenditure, a medication used to treat opioid addiction.

REPUBLICANS' WAR ON THE ACA AND MEDICAID JEOPARDIZES COVERAGE FOR 1.8 MILLION NEW JERSEYANS

562,800 New Jerseyans Enrolled Through Medicaid Expansion Now At Risk. The Graham-Cassidy bill would eliminate [Medicaid expansion](#), which has helped 562,800 New Jerseyans receive quality, affordable coverage, and put part of its funding into inadequate block grants. The bill would further punish states that expanded Medicaid by [redistributing](#) funds to states that did not expand Medicaid.

1,745,461 New Jerseyans With Traditional Medicaid Coverage, Including Seniors, People With Disabilities, And Children, Are At Risk. The Graham-Cassidy bill that President Trump revived in his FY19 budget proposal would turn traditional Medicaid into a per capita cap, meaning the 1,745,461 New Jerseyans who are [enrolled](#) on Medicaid would have their care jeopardized. Medicaid disproportionately helps children, seniors in nursing home care and people with disabilities. A study by [Avalere](#) found that Graham-Cassidy would cut funding for people with disabilities by 15 percent and 31 percent for children by 2036.

830,773 New Jersey Children's Care Is At Risk. 830,773 New Jersey kids are currently [enrolled](#) in Medicaid and CHIP, and their care could be at risk because of funding cuts in Graham-Cassidy.