

PROTECT OUR CARE

By The Numbers: How Medicaid Strengthens North Dakota

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

NORTH DAKOTANS DEPEND ON MEDICAID

- **93,983 North Dakotans Are Covered Through Medicaid.** 93,983 North Dakotans [have medical coverage](#) through Medicaid - most of them children, seniors, and people with disabilities.
- **In North Dakota, Adults Up To 138 Percent Of The Federal Poverty Line May Enroll In Medicaid.** After expanding Medicaid, North Dakota residents earning up to 138 percent [of the federal poverty line](#) are now eligible to enroll in Medicaid.
- **21,400 North Dakotans Have Gained Coverage Through Medicaid Expansion.** Thanks to Medicaid expansion, 21,400 North Dakota residents [are enrolled](#) in the program.

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

28 Percent of North Dakota's Children Rely on Medicaid. 28 percent of North Dakota [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 51 Percent Of North Dakotans In Nursing Homes. 51 percent of North Dakotans living in nursing homes [have coverage](#) through Medicaid.

Medicaid Covers 13 Percent of North Dakota's Seniors and People with Disabilities. In North Dakota, 13 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 NORTH DAKOTANS ACCESS TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION

Medicaid Covers [One In Four](#) Americans With An Opioid Use Disorder. Medicaid pays for 17 percent of North Dakota's [buprenorphine](#) expenditure, a medication used to treat opioid addiction.

REPUBLICANS' WAR ON THE ACA AND MEDICAID JEOPARDIZES COVERAGE FOR MORE THAN 90,000 NORTH DAKOTANS

21,400 North Dakotans Enrolled Through Medicaid Expansion Now At Risk. The Graham-Cassidy bill would eliminate [Medicaid expansion](#), which has helped 21,400 North Dakotans 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.

93,983 North Dakotans 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 93,983 North Dakotans 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.

44,227 North Dakota Children's Care Is At Risk. 44,227 North Dakota kids are currently [enrolled](#) in Medicaid and CHIP, and their care could be at risk because of funding cuts in Graham-Cassidy.