ISSUE BRIEF

Medicaid











Quick Medicaid Stats



More than 74 Million Americans Served



39% to 64% Reduction in Annual Mortality Rates



Medicaid Health Care Offers Long-term Benefits

Medicaid supports millions of older adults.

Medicaid helps millions of older adults <u>pay their Medicare cost-sharing</u> and also <u>covers vital benefits that Medicare does not</u>, such as dental, long-term care, and non-emergency medical transportation. <u>Many paid and unpaid caregivers for older adults also rely on Medicaid</u> for their own health coverage.

Medicaid benefits include both <u>acute care services</u> and a broad array of <u>long-term care services</u>.





Who pays for Medicaid?

The current costs of coverage for adults in the Medicaid expansion group (with incomes up to 138 percent of the Federal poverty level) are paid by the Federal government at a higher rate than other populations. Specifically in Virginia, 90% of the costs for covering these individuals is paid for by the Federal government and the other 10% of funding comes from provider taxes.

When Medicaid expansion was approved in Virginia, the General Assembly included a trigger clause which says if this 90% rate is dropped, even by 1%, the Medicaid-expansion population will automatically be disenrolled.

Medicaid makes up

600/0
of all Federal funding Virginia receives.

For every 1% drop in the Federal matching rate, the State loses

\$7 million

Medicaid fraud and waste is low.

For 2022, the national Medicaid improper payment rate is estimated to be 5.09%, and 5.3% in Virginia. 95% of federal Medicaid outlays, or \$579.7 billion, were properly paid.



Medicaid helps keep rural hospitals open by offsetting the costs of unreimbursed care.