

REASONS WHY MEDICAID EXPANSION IS A GOOD IDEA

Under the federal Affordable Care Act, expansion of the Medicaid program will help hundreds of thousands of people in Washington state gain access to health care. Here are four facts everyone should know about expanding Medicaid.

1. Nearly 350,000 Gain Coverage



2. Federal Government Picks up the Tab

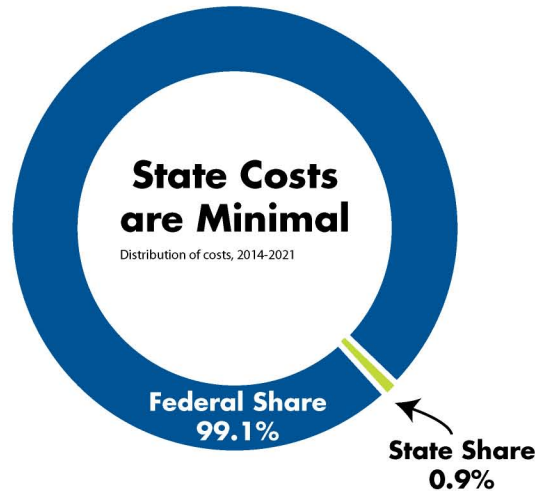
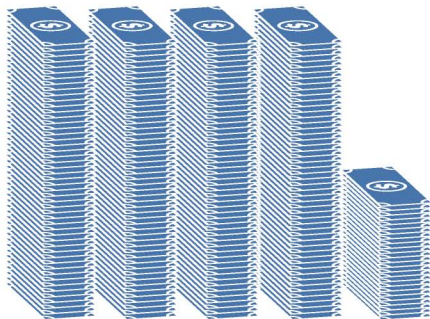
Federal funding over time



3. Expansion Saves the State Money

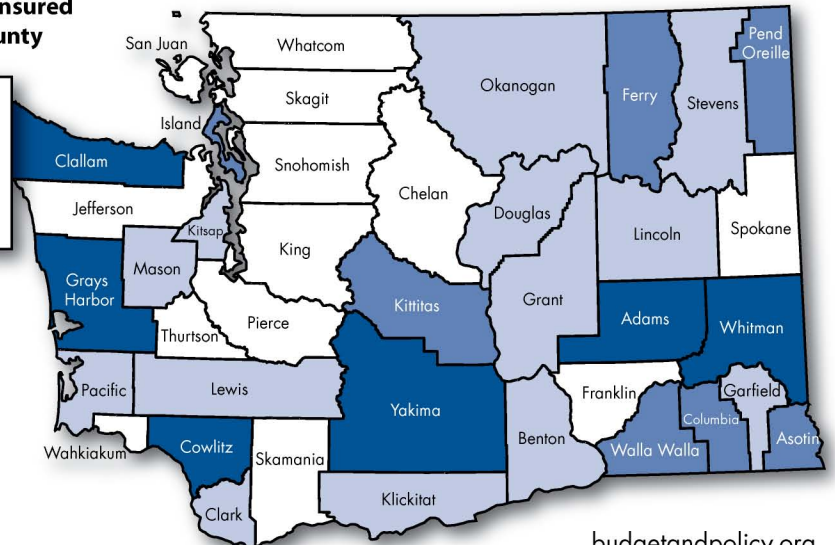
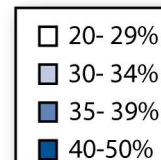
\$225 million in savings in 2013-15 biennium

= \$1 million



4. Expansion Benefits Everyone

Percent of Uninsured Eligible by County



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Sources, by section number:

1. Enrollment data from Urban Institute, reflects estimated number of enrollees in 2020
2. Federal match applies to newly eligible population
3. Savings estimate from Governor Gregoire's proposed 2013-15 budget; Long-term cost and savings estimates based on data from Office of Program Research
4. Coverage map based on data from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The map is for illustrative purposes only - the percentages are based off of the OIC's estimated number of uninsured people eligible under the expansion, which differs from Urban Institute estimates.