

Medicaid Expansion – Enrollment Stream From January 2014 Forward

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Summary of Findings

- This edition quantifies the monthly influx of the Medicaid expansion population through March of 2015
- Roughly half of all newly eligible expansion enrollees who obtained Medicaid coverage did so during the first available month
- Enrollment typically increased substantially in Months 2-4 (averaging double-digit monthly growth across the 15 expansion states we assessed)
- Enrollment continued to increase through Month 15, although growth was much more modest (averaging 3% per month) from Month 7 through Month 15
- Difficult to say when expansion states' enrollment will reach a steady state (regarding ACA-related influx); we estimate that this will occur approximately between Months 18 and 24 of implementation
 - Medicaid enrollment can/will fluctuate for other reasons, but is typically growing over time

Medicaid Expansion Enrollment Across 15 States

Month	Enrollment, Persons Made Newly Eligible by the ACA, 15 State Aggregation	Raw Increase Versus Prior Month	Percent Increase Versus Prior Month
Jan-14	1,914,559	1,914,559	
Feb-14	2,139,101	224,542	12%
Mar-14	2,450,966	311,865	15%
Apr-14	2,755,967	305,001	12%
May-14	2,889,637	133,670	5%
Jun-14	3,011,928	122,291	4%
Jul-14	3,150,132	138,204	5%
Aug-14	3,243,364	93,232	3%
Sep-14	3,326,799	83,435	3%
Oct-14	3,432,644	105,845	3%
Nov-14	3,496,574	63,930	2%
Dec-14	3,630,082	133,508	4%
Jan-15	3,797,446	167,364	5%
Feb-15	3,929,750	132,304	3%
Mar-15	3,954,628	24,878	1%

- Monthly Medicaid expansion enrollment of newly eligible persons was available in 15 states that implemented the expansion effective January 2014 (and where reported data were available from CMS throughout the 15 month timeframe Jan '14 through Mar '15)
- These states are Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Washington and West Virginia
- Across these states, nearly half (48%) of Month 15 (March 2015) enrollment occurred in Month 1 (Jan '14), 70% by Month 4 (Apr '14) and 80% by Month 6 (Jun '14).
- After the first six months, net growth continued but slowed -- enrollment grew 3% per month on average from Months 7 through 15

State-Specific Trends in Expansion Enrollment

- Expansion enrollment increased throughout the 15 month period (with some minor monthly exceptions) in 14 of the 15 states reviewed
 - Enrollment has decreased considerably and steadily in Hawaii, dropping from a high of 46,000 in April 2014 to approximately 34,000 in March 2015
- In 8 of the 15 states, Month 1 enrollment was half or more of Month 15 enrollment
 - Ohio had the smallest Month 1 enrollment (15%) relative to its Month 15 level
- In 8 of the 15 states, Month 6 enrollment was 75% or more of Month 15 enrollment
 - Arizona had the smallest Month 6 enrollment (56%) relative to its Month 15 level

Monthly Progression of Newly Eligible Expansion Enrollees in States With More Recent Start Dates

Month	Indiana	Michigan	New Hampshire	Pennsylvania
Jan-14	-	-	-	-
Feb-14	-	-	-	-
Mar-14	-	-	-	-
Apr-14	-	205,965	-	-
May-14	-	273,055	-	-
Jun-14	-	305,436	-	-
Jul-14	-	333,164	-	-
Aug-14	-	364,465	16,407	-
Sep-14	-	388,904	21,790	-
Oct-14	-	420,375	23,820	-
Nov-14	-	452,104	26,871	-
Dec-14	-	484,126	29,124	-
Jan-15	-	512,604	36,530	211,485
Feb-15	53,862	548,402	38,179	264,709
Mar-15	84,124	568,670	41,357	318,105

States implementing Medicaid expansion after Jan '14 are experiencing similar enrollment growth patterns as their predecessors:

- Large Month 1 influx
- Smaller but considerable enrollment growth in Months 2-3
- Continued but slower monthly growth thereafter
- No evidence yet that enrollment growth is completely levelling off

Methodology and Contact Information

DATA SOURCE AND NOTES: The Menges Group's tabulations in this report drew upon CMS Medicaid enrollment data collected through the Medicaid Budget and Expenditure System (MBES). The data do not convey the number of disenrollments and new enrollments contributing to each month's enrollment level. The Medicaid expansion has provided coverage to more persons than are shown by the net enrollment figures. Our slides focused only on enrollment of persons made newly eligible by the ACA – additional enrollment information is published via the MBES. Several expansion states with missing months of enrollment information were excluded from the tabulations.

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