

Medicaid Expansion: Premium Assistance and Other Options

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Executive Summary

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Policy and Options for Medicaid Expansion
 Medicaid expansion is a key component of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
 The ACA requires states to expand Medicaid to cover all low-income adults
 with income up to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL) by 2014.
 However, as of 2016, only 17 states and the District of Columbia have
 fully implemented the ACA's Medicaid expansion requirements.
 States that have not expanded Medicaid face a significant funding gap
 starting in 2017. The federal government provides a 90% match for
 the additional costs of Medicaid expansion, but states that do not
 expand Medicaid receive a 5% match for the additional costs.
 This funding gap is projected to reach \$100 billion annually by 2026.
 States are currently exploring various options to address this funding gap,
 including federal waivers, state budget cuts, and other financing mechanisms.
 The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has
 approved several state Medicaid expansion waivers, including the
 "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families" (TANF) waiver and the
 "Community Care" waiver. These waivers allow states to receive federal
 funding for Medicaid expansion while they work to fully implement the
 ACA's requirements.
 In January 2016, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 announced that it had approved the Medicaid expansion waiver for
 Arkansas.

Current Medicaid Expansion Waivers

Arkansas⁷

The state of Arkansas has received a federal waiver from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to expand Medicaid to cover all low-income adults with income up to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL) by 2014. The waiver is effective as of January 1, 2014. The state of Arkansas is currently implementing the waiver and is expected to fully implement the ACA's Medicaid expansion requirements by 2016.

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