Medicaid Expansion Overview

Since the legislature passed the bipartisan HELP Act in 2015 and then reauthorized Medicaid expansion in 2019, tens of thousands of Montanans have benefited from lifesaving and affordable medical care. Medicaid expansion has also helped communities, businesses, and Montana’s economy.

Statewide Impact of Medicaid Expansion

Nearly 88,000 Montanans are enrolled in Medicaid expansion. 59% of Montana businesses employ Medicaid expansion enrollees. 123,000 Montana adults have received preventive services.

FLATHEAD COUNTY SNAPSHOT

8,414 Flathead County residents are enrolled in Medicaid expansion

Flathead County by the Numbers

- Percent below 100% FPL 88%
- Ages 50-64 26%
- Ages 35-49 32%
- Percent of enrollees by age
- Enrollees who are American Indian 3%
- Ages 19-34 43%

Helping People

- 1,441 Breast cancer screenings
- 11,808 Preventive services
- 3,948 Mental health outpatient services
- 1,187 Colon cancer screenings
- 758 Substance use outpatient services

Supporting Business

- 1,694 Businesses employed Medicaid expansion enrollees
- 61% of county businesses employed enrollees
- 542 Enrollees accessed HELP Link workforce services

Source: Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and Montana Department of Labor and Industry

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