

What Would Medicaid Expansion Mean in North Carolina?

Traditional Medicaid in North Carolina covers people who fall below the federal poverty line **and** are:

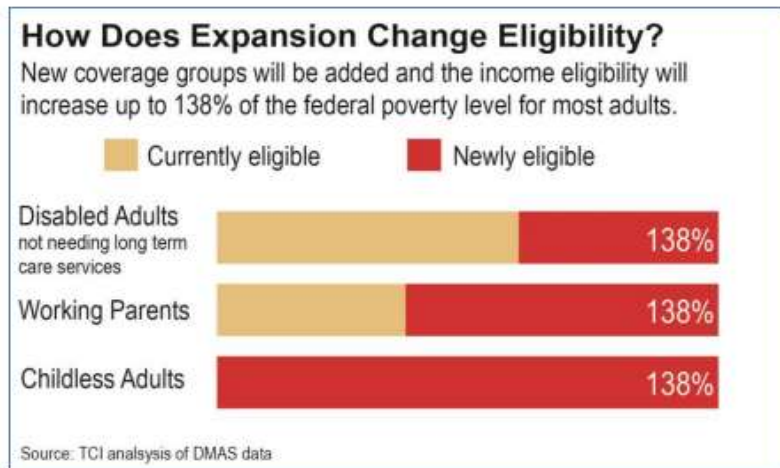
- Age 65 or older
- Blind or disabled
- Under the age of 21
- Pregnant
- Certain low-income individuals and families
- In need of long-term care

Who Would Become Eligible for Medicaid Under Expansion?

Medicaid expansion would include **individual** adults under age 65 who:

- earn up to 138% of the federal poverty level (\$17,774 in fiscal year 2021); *and*
- do not have access to affordable employer coverage; **and**
- cannot afford ACA plans, even with premium tax credit and cost-sharing subsidies

Childless adults would be newly included under an expanded Medicaid at a lower cost to North Carolina.



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Who Would Pay for Expanding Medicaid in North Carolina?

Medicaid is a jointly funded program, with the federal government normally paying 67% and North Carolina paying 33%. Under Medicaid expansion, states pay only 10 cents on the dollar with the federal government picking up the other 90 cents for the expansion population. For details on funding, see “How Would North Carolina Pay for Medicaid Expansion?” at [LWV-Wake: Healthcare](#).

The League of Women Voters believes the U.S. health care system should provide a basic level of quality health care at an affordable cost to all U.S. residents. For further information about Medicaid in North Carolina, go to [LWV-Wake: Healthcare](#).