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Medicaid is a health insurance program that provides comprehensive and affordable coverage. Medicaid covers some low-income children, working families, seniors, people with disabilities and those living with chronic and serious conditions. It allows people to take care of themselves and their families, providers to deliver high quality care, and communities and local economies to thrive.

Medicaid Provides Critical Care

- ★ Coverage through Medicaid includes office visits, hospitalizations, prescription drugs, and mental health services.
- ★ Preventive services including:
 - Flu shots and other immunizations
 - Pap tests
 - Mammograms
 - Colon cancer screenings
 - Tobacco cessation¹

Medicaid Saves Money

- ★ Hospitals and health systems in Medicaid expansion states have seen significant reductions in uncompensated care costs.²
- ★ These states also experienced lower premiums in their individual health insurance markets.³

Medicaid Strengthens Communities and Local Economies

- ★ Medicaid helps keep rural hospitals open, protecting local jobs and residents' access to timely care.
- ★ Adults can be more productive at work, and kids are positioned to do their best at school.
- ★ Children covered by Medicaid have better health as adults, with fewer hospitalizations and emergency room visits.⁴

Medicaid Provides Peace of Mind

- ★ 2.3 million Americans with a history of cancer have relied on Medicaid for lifesaving and affordable cancer care.
- ★ Medicaid allows people to access the health care they need to care for themselves, their families and loved ones.

Learn More at [FightCancer.org](https://www.fightcancer.org)

¹ <https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2017/apr/how-medicare-enrollees-fare-compared-privately-insured-and>

² https://aspe.hhs.gov/system/files/pdf/139226/ib_UncompensatedCare.pdf

³ <https://aspe.hhs.gov/system/files/pdf/206761/McaidExpMktplPrem.pdf>;
<https://www.kff.org/health-reform/issue-brief/data-note-effect-of-state-decisions-on-state-risk-scores/>

⁴ <https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/medicaid-helps-schools-help-children>; <https://www.nber.org/papers/w20929.pdf>

