



CREATING A HEALTHIER MONTANA

In 2016, Montana transformed its Medicaid program, expanding coverage and driving down the uninsurance rate to just 7.4%—the lowest in state history. Now, more people have access to the care they need. And that means a healthier workforce and peace of mind for Montana families.

More Montanans Covered and Taking Responsibility for Their Health

More than 96,000 Montanans have received Medicaid coverage since 2016, with most earning below the federal poverty level. Preventive care is now affordable to more people, which keeps smaller problems from turning into more serious and costly conditions.

- ▶ **More than 65,000 adults have received preventive care, including more than:**
 - **15,500** vaccines
 - **17,600** wellness visits
 - **41,200** dental exams
 - **195,000** screenings, catching harmful diseases early, maximizing the success of treatment, and minimizing long-term treatment costs
- ▶ All but the lowest-income enrollees pay premiums and copayments—**more than \$7.4 million** in premiums have been collected since 2016.

Increased Access to Needed Health Care Services

Medicaid promotes more than just physical health. It also covers mental health services and substance abuse treatment, for which the need is high in our state.

- ▶ **Medicaid provides access** to affordable medications, mental health services, and substance abuse treatment.
- ▶ For medications in particular, **affordability makes adherence to treatment more likely**, producing better health outcomes, and reducing long-term medical costs.

Supporting a Healthy Workforce

More than 8 in 10 adult Medicaid enrollees are in working families. Enrollees who need it can be connected with workforce training, employment services, and job openings through the voluntary HELP-Link job services program.

- ▶ **More than 22,000** enrollees have received employment services.
- ▶ **78%** of those who received one-on-one employment services found jobs, with health care as a top industry for job seekers.