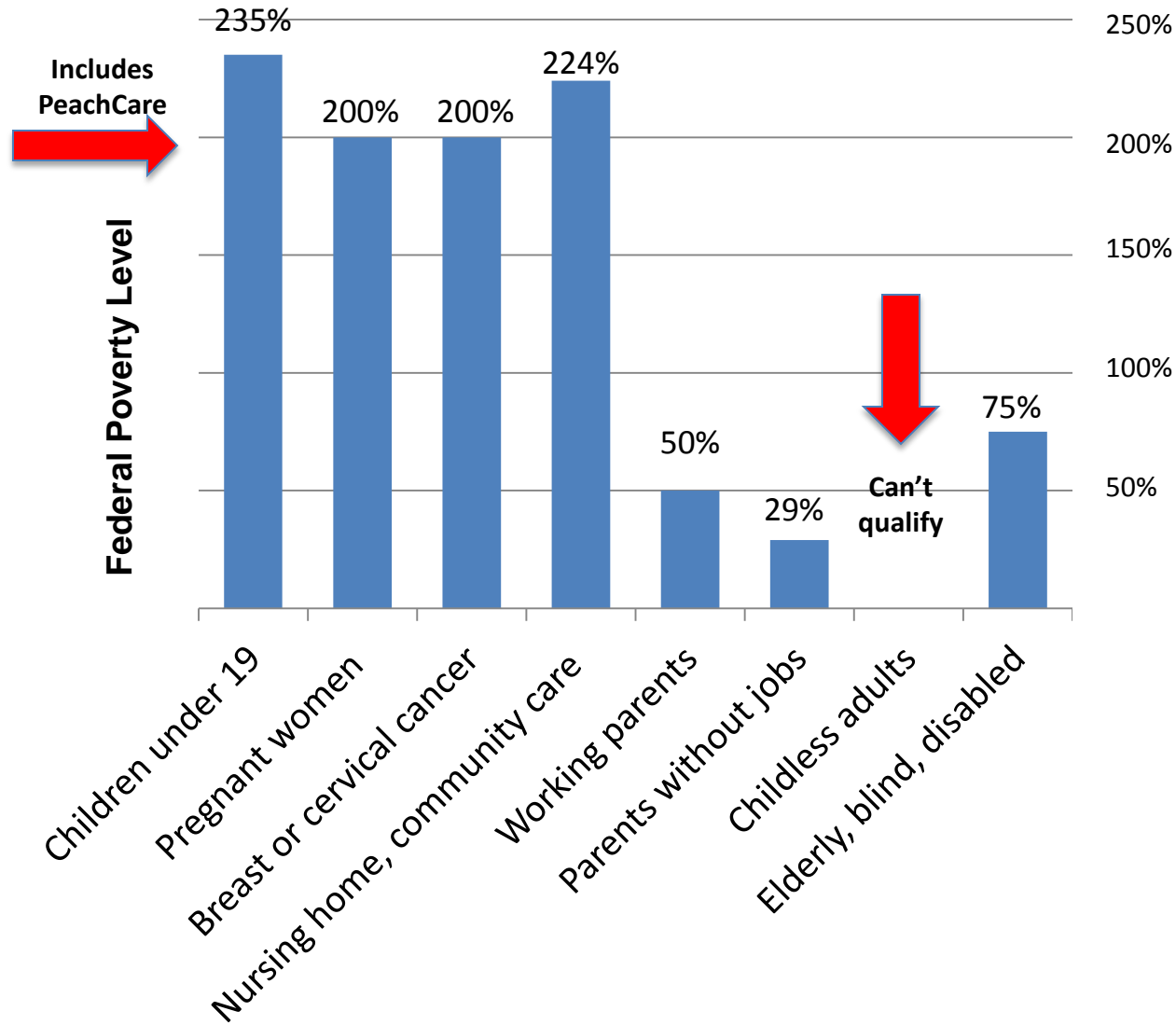


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Georgia Medicaid Income Limits Today



100% Federal Poverty Level 2013

Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$11,490
2	\$15,510
3	\$19,530
4	\$23,550

What Does the ACA Mean for Medicaid?

- Under ACA states were **required** to expand Medicaid if they wanted to continue to participate in the program; 26 states joined lawsuit against this provision
- **Now: States can decide whether or when to expand**
 - If a state decides to cover the expansion group, it may drop the coverage later
 - No deadline for state decision
 - All other aspects of the ACA remain in place

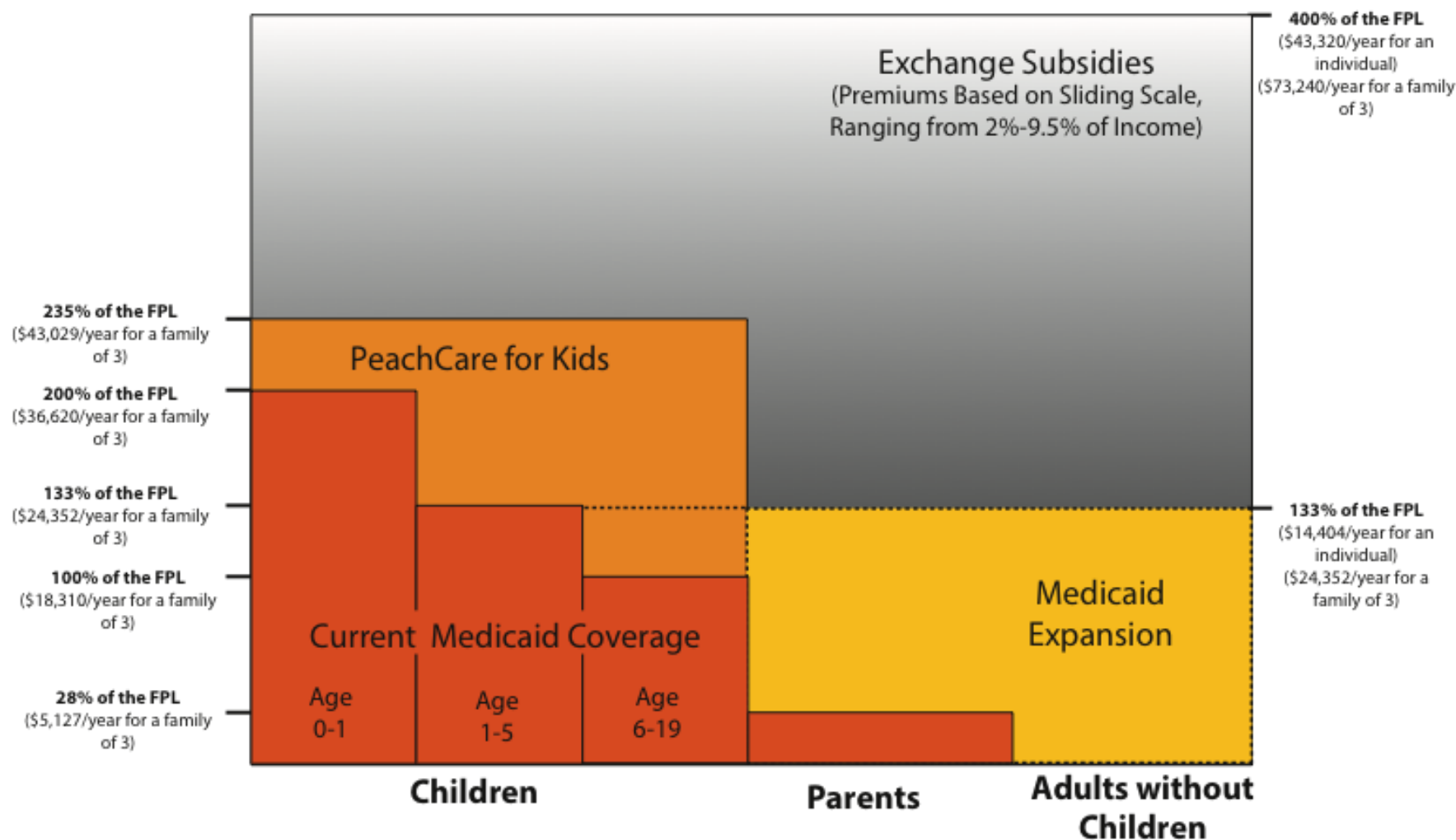
What this means for your patients without expansion:

Most people below 100% FPL will have no affordable coverage options since the law only offers tax credits on the Exchanges for those between 100-400% FPL.

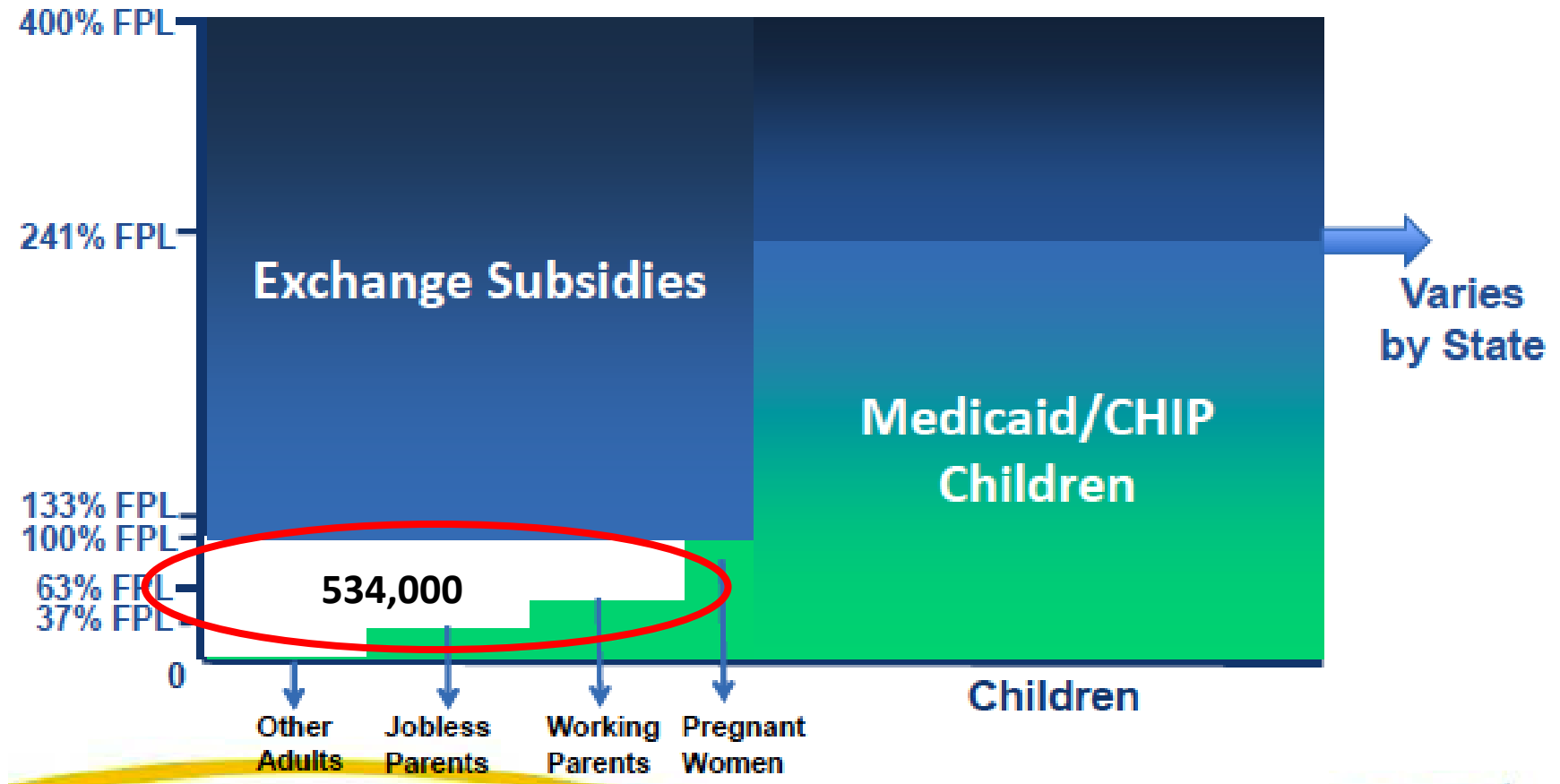
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Current Coverage

Coverage Expansions under the ACA

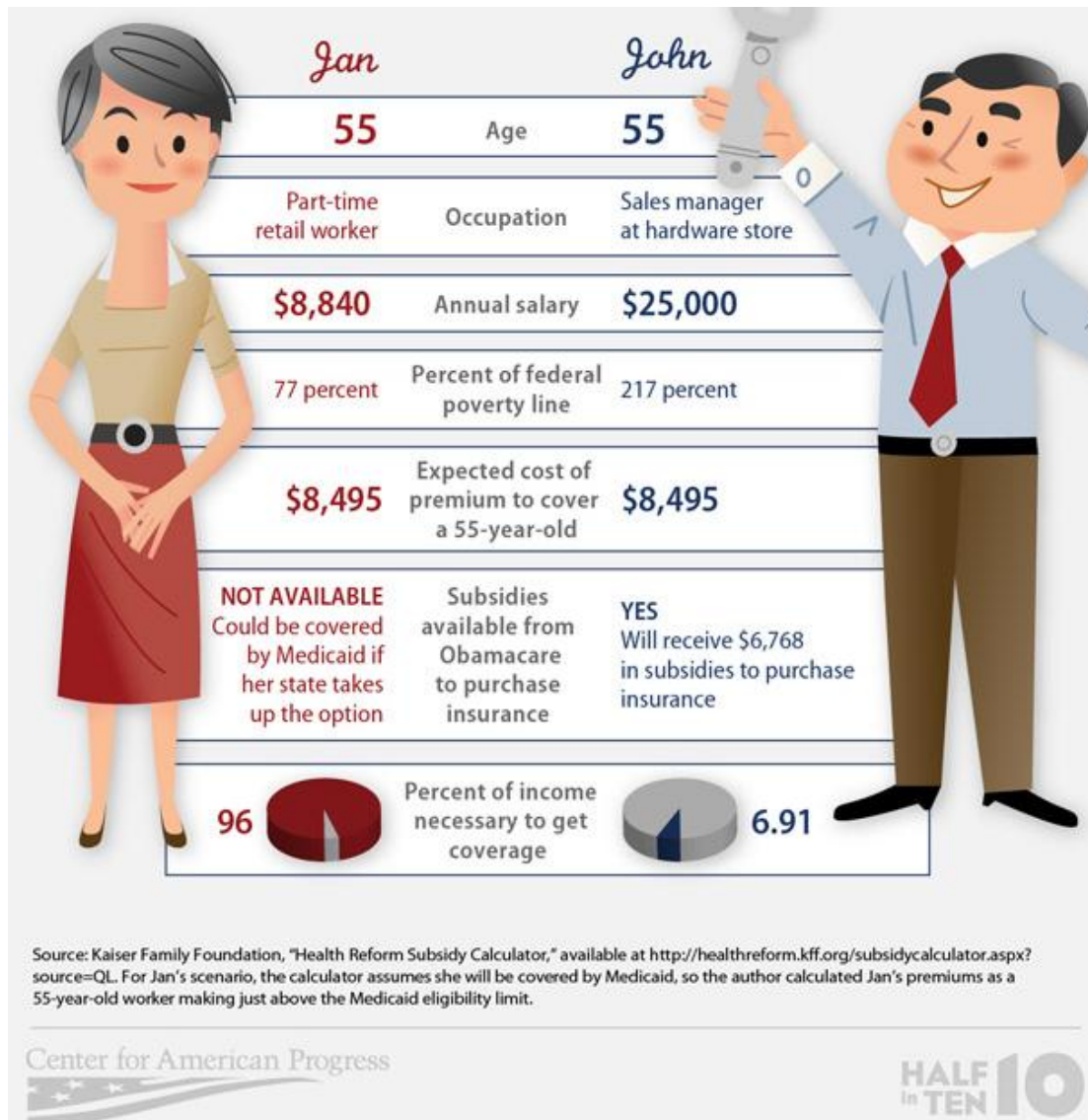


If we don't expand...



- Those at 100% FPL or less do not qualify for tax credits on the Exchange, which means that they would not get any assistance and would likely remain uninsured

If we don't expand this sets up a "Coverage Gap"





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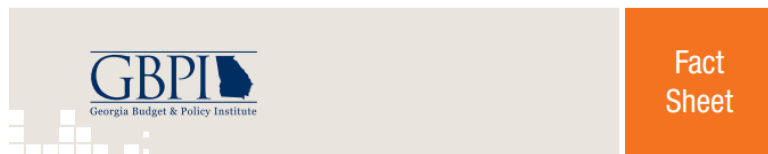


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We have an unprecedented opportunity to improve the health of Georgia patients and consumers, strengthen our state's health care delivery system, and bolster the state's economy by covering Georgia's uninsured through an expansion of Medicaid. This page will provide you with fact sheets, talking points and other resources you need to help build a case of support for the expansion.

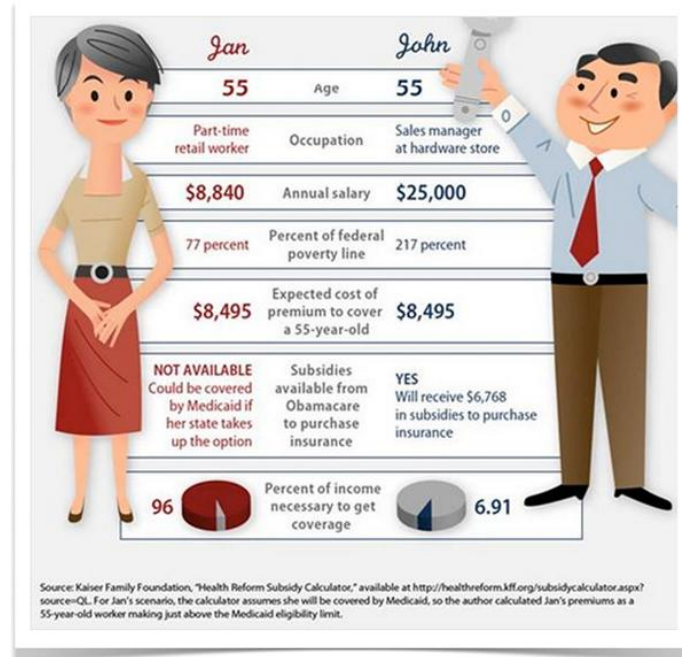
1. Georgia Specific Reports & Fact Sheets
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TOOL KIT

Medicaid Expansion Would Benefit Georgia Parents and Other Adults Without Insurance

By Timothy Sweeney, Director of Health Policy



10 Reasons the Medicaid Expansion is Good for Women

Prepared by: Erin Armstrong
August 13, 2012



THE MEDICAID EXPANSION AND PEOPLE WITH HIV/AIDS

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June 2012 to uphold the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). However, in a disappointing move, the Court ruled that states that do not comply with the ACA's expansion of Medicaid to individuals up to 138% of federal poverty (around \$15,400 per year for an individual) cannot lose federal funding for the entire Medicaid program.¹ If states refuse to comply with the expansion, there could be a large number of the lowest income people left out of reform. This fact sheet was developed to assist HIV advocates with making the case for the Medicaid expansion in their state. Analysis of the implications of the Supreme Court decision by various stakeholders will continue, so regularly check the resources at the end of the fact sheet for the latest news and analyses.

The Medicaid Expansion in Georgia

- Coverage Forecasts:
 - 645,000 to 900,000 new Medicaid enrollees (by 2019)
 - 75% to 80% previously uninsured, newly enrolled
- Reduces low-income uninsured by 50% to 75%

Source: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Urban Institute

Medicaid Expansion Is Good for Georgia's Health System

- + Medicaid improves access to care, health status, and financial security of enrollees who would likely otherwise be without coverage.²
- + Medicaid expansion in other states have reduced mortality, and based on an estimated 650,000 new enrollees, an approximate **3,693 lives could be saved** each year in Georgia by expanding coverage through Medicaid.³

Medicaid Expansion Is Good for Georgia's Economy

GEORGIA'S ECONOMY
WINS WITH
MEDICAID EXPANSION!

- + Expanding Medicaid in Georgia would create 70,343 new jobs and would infuse an additional **\$8.2 billion per year in economic activity** into our state's economy¹ each year.
- + This economic activity will result in an additional **\$276 million a year** in state and local tax revenue

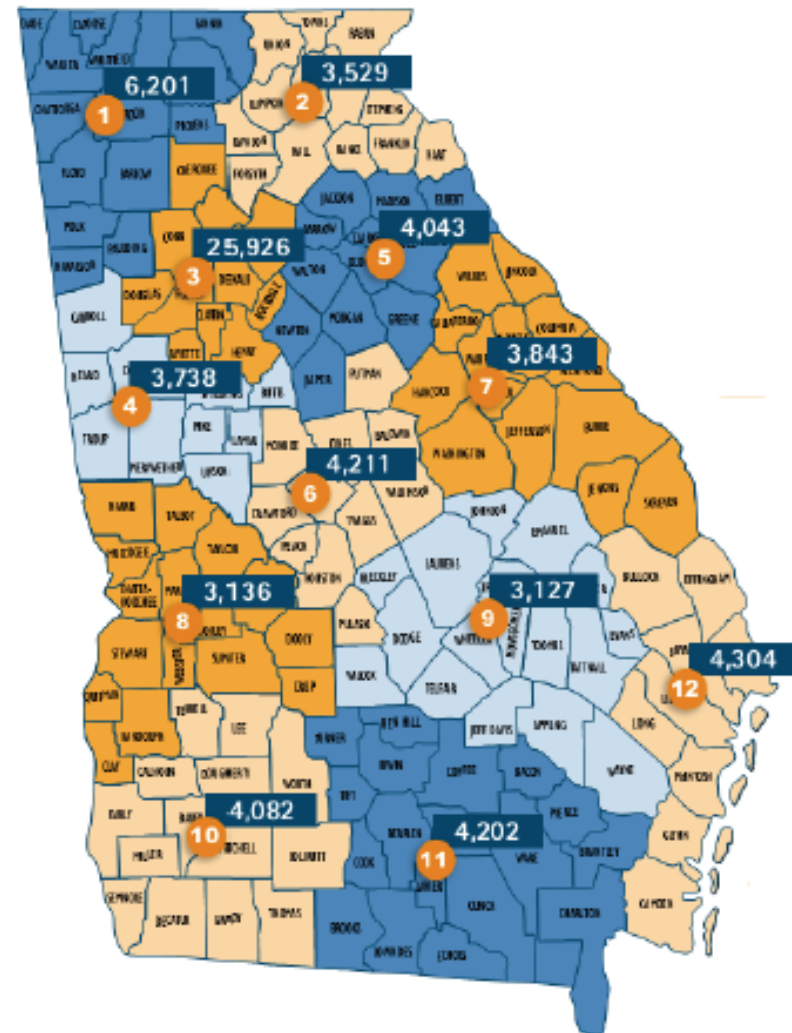
Medicaid Expansion Is A Good Bargain

- + Money has already been set aside at the federal level to cover 100% of the costs of Georgia's expansion for the first three years and at least 90% in future years. Should the federal reimbursement levels drop below this level, Georgia can pull out of the expansion at any time.
- + Expanding Medicaid will bring an estimated **\$40.5 billion in federal funds** into Georgia over a decade.
- + Medicaid expansion will free up state dollars that are currently covering programs such as mental health, the Georgia AIDS Drug Assistance Program, the State Hemophilia Program, and indigent care.

Medicaid Expansion Is Good for Georgia's Workforce

- + More than **38,000 new health care sector jobs** will be created. Other industries such as real estate, restaurants, transportation, and other businesses will also benefit from more than **30,000 new jobs**.
- + Under the current Medicaid program, low-income childless adults and most low-income parents do not qualify for coverage, leaving many working Georgians without access to adequate health care.
- + Georgia has one of the nation's highest uninsured rates; expanding Medicaid will help cover more than 650,000 people.

Jobs Created by Service Delivery Area



Source: Georgia State University
Analysis of Medicaid Expansion Impact

Do you need health insurance? Afraid you can't afford it?

You *may* qualify for low cost coverage if the state of Georgia decides to expand Medicaid as part of the nation's new health care reform law, the Affordable Care Act.

Find out if you would qualify for affordable coverage under the expansion



How many family members do you support?	Is your monthly income equal to or less than:
1	\$1,321
2	\$1,783
3	\$2,245
4	\$2,708
(Add \$455 for each additional dependent)	



If the answer is YES, you would likely qualify for low cost health insurance **IF** Georgia expands its Medicaid program.

Help us convince the Governor and our State Legislators to move forward with the Medicaid expansion for thousands of Georgians—Georgians just like you!

Help us make health care more accessible for hundreds of thousands of Georgians. Help us make the case for the Medicaid expansion.

TO JOIN OUR EFFORTS AND TO LEARN MORE: Visit www.coverga.org today.



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Petitioning The Governor of GA ▾

**Governor Deal: Medicaid Expansion
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Holly M. ROME, GA

So many put off their health due to no insurance. I was one of them and now I am battling stage 4 Cervical Cancer. I am lucky I qualified for Breast/Cervical Cancer Medicaid Program. While I am grateful I have coverage now... had funding been more available to me for regular screenings & preventative tests, I would have found my cancer in time to truly cure it. Also, I feel that I am more costly to medicaid now than I would have been if this had been found early. Thank you.

Karen M. TUCKER, GA

I have worked with so many working families who do not have access to healthcare due to limited financial resources. I believe that our community's wellbeing could be enhanced significantly by better health outcomes. And put simply, it is the right thing to do for the people of Georgia.

Rachel P. DECATUR, GA

Everyone deserves quality health care!!

Share why you support Medicaid expansion in Georgia. Together we can make it happen!



Yes, I support expanding Medicaid in Georgia because:

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