

Montana Medicaid Expansion

Medicaid Expansion Basics

- Began January 2016
- House Bill 658 from 2019 Legislature (Medicaid Expansion/HELP Act)
 - Link to bill: <https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2019/billpdf/HB0658.pdf>, 46-page document
 - Per HB 658, has a scheduled sunset of June 30, 2025
- 2021 Legislature – 12 months Continuous Medicaid Eligibility
- 2023 & 2025 Legislative Sessions yet to occur

DPHHS Montana Medicaid Dashboard

- Provides detailed data and information under tabs that include:
 - Member Demographics,
 - Premium and Disenrollment, and
 - Enrollment and Services Summary
- Link to dashboard: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/interactivedashboards/medicaidexpansiondashboard>
- The Numbers . . .

MAJOR RESERVATION COUNTY ONLY

Reservation	Major County	March 2, 2016			December 1, 2021		
		Enrolled HELP - All	Enrolled HELP - AI/AN		Enrolled HELP - All	Enrolled HELP - AI/AN	
Blackfeet	Glacier	811	612	75.50%	2,796	2,140	76.50%
Crow	Big Horn	494	354	71.70%	2,257	1,874	83.00%
Flathead	Lake	1266	444	35.10%	3,974	1,850	46.60%
Fort Belknap	Blaine	248	146	58.90%	827	541	65.40%
Fort Peck	Roosevelt	454	340	74.90%	1,964	1,588	80.90%
Northern Cheyenne	Rosebud	245	161	65.70%	1,138	837	73.60%
Rocky Boy's	Hill	687	312	45.40%	2,394	1,185	49.50%
		All Enrolled in HELP		32,832	All Enrolled in HELP		105,157
		AI/AN in HELP = 4003 or 12.2%			AI/AN in HELP = 17,044 or 16%		

MAJOR URBAN COUNTY ONLY

City	Major County	August 1, 2016			December 1, 2021		
		Enrolled HELP - All	Enrolled HELP - AI/AN		Enrolled HELP - All	Enrolled HELP - AI/AN	
Billings	Yellowstone	6575	710	10.80%	16,076	2,219	13.80%
Butte	Silver Bow	2068	113	5.46%	4,413	287	6.50%
Great Falls	Cascade	4302	557	12.95%	8,182	1,402	17.10%
Helena	Lewis & Clark	2788	144	5.16%	5,893	408	6.90%
Missoula	Missoula	6317	347	5.49%	12,154	924	7.60%
		All Enrolled in HELP		50,211	All Enrolled in HELP		105,157
		AI/AN in HELP = 6252 or 12%			AI/AN in HELP = 17,044 or 16%		

Engagement Examples

- DPHHS held Medicaid/Medicaid Expansion information sessions with American Indian Caucus
- DPHHS helped facilitate discussion with Tribes & Legislators
- DPHHS Budget Subcommittee Tribal Input Day (5 sessions, not in 2021 session)
- DPHHS worked with Tribal Health Departments & MHCF to create Tribal Impact Sheets (January 2019)
 - Educational Document:
 - Information about Tribe(s)
 - Local access to quality healthcare (Tribe and/or IHS)
 - Challenges (distances to major healthcare facilities, statistics, etc.)
 - Revenue impact
 - Link to Medicaid Expansion Fact Sheets for 7 of 8 Tribal Communities
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/medicaidexpansionfactsheets>
 - 1-2 page document at most
 - Simple and easy to read
 - Shared with Tribal Governments, Legislators including American Indian Caucus, and others
- DPHHS split out Medicaid and Medicaid Revenues in annual Medicaid Revenue Reports
- Tribal and Urban Engagement
 - Tracking legislation
 - Testifying in committee hearings to educate and advocate (Interim & Regular Legislative Sessions)
 - Meeting with bill sponsors
 - Meeting with health partners
 - Sharing impact
 - Economic (revenue locally & off reservation)
 - Improved services (specialty care, more referrals, expanded priority levels)
 - To other tribal programs (due to Medicaid eligibility being part of criteria) and potential downstream effect
- Legislative Interim Committee
 - Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee (meet 1/20 & 1/21)
 - State Tribal Relations Interim Committee (met last week)