PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF ADULTS WITH MEDICAID DUE TO THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

AN ESTIMATED 5.4 million adults gained dental benefits through Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act through 2015.

Adding an extensive adult dental benefit to the Medicaid programs in 22 states would cost states between $496 and $589 million. This is, on average, 1.1% of total state Medicaid spending.


Notes: Percentages in the U.S. map represent the change in the number of adults with Medicaid due to the Affordable Care Act between 2013 and 2015. We limited our analysis to adults ages 18 through 64. Our analysis is current as of September 2016. Our estimated cost to add an extensive adult dental benefit to the Medicaid programs in 22 states reflects the adult dental benefits in place in September 2015, since then, an adult dental benefit was added to Missouri’s Medicaid program: We assume that states provide the same level of dental benefits to all Medicaid eligible adults.

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