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

Adding an extensive adult dental benefit to a state’s Medicaid program would cost, on average, 1.1% of total state Medicaid spending. An estimated 9.8 million adults gained dental benefits through Medicaid expansion or Medicaid policy changes following passage of the Affordable Care Act through 2017.


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 2017. We limited our analysis to adults ages 18 through 64. Our analysis is current as of November 2018.

*North Dakota does not cover dental services for the adult expansion population of approximately 21,000. Therefore, we subtracted 21,000 from the total number of adults with Medicaid dental coverage in 2017.

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