



## REGIONAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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# The Critical Role of Medicaid in New York's 20th District

Tens of millions of Americans utilize Medicaid in accessing affordable comprehensive medical care. Medicaid serves children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and working families who might otherwise go without essential care.

## Medicaid Coverage

In New York's 20th District, Medicaid covers:

- **192,000 individuals** total, **25%** of district residents.
- **77,000 children**, including **18,000 children** with disabilities who utilize Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program for specialized care and support services.
- **2,100 births** per year, ensuring newborns and their mothers receive comprehensive prenatal, delivery, and postpartum care. Nationwide, about 41% of births are covered by Medicaid.<sup>1</sup>
- **22,000 seniors**, including **1,710** receiving care in nursing homes.

In 2022, New York Medicaid spending was **\$2,180,930,000**. Of this amount, **68%** was spent on children (**\$7,297,348,000**), seniors (**\$24,826,847,000**), and people with disabilities (**\$21,892,044,000**).

## Medicaid Expansion Through the ACA

**New York** expanded eligibility under the Affordable Care Act to help working adults, notably those whose jobs do not offer affordable insurance and those with incomes too low to qualify for the ACA's marketplace coverage. In the district, **58,000 adults** gained coverage through this expansion who would not have affordable coverage options otherwise.

## Medicaid's Economic Impact

In addition to ensuring access to health care for thousands of families, Medicaid is important to the district's economy. Hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, and other health care providers who treat patients in and near the district are among the area's largest employers and have deep economic ties to Medicaid. For example, in 2022, the program paid **\$2,180,930,000 for health care services for district residents**, including **\$228,176,000** for children in the district.

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<sup>1</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, "Births Financed by Medicaid," February 25, 2025.

(<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/births-financed-by-medicaid/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>).

Medicaid is an efficient and responsible steward of taxpayer dollars. In 2023, New York's administrative spending was just 2% of New York's total Medicaid spending<sup>2</sup> – far below the 15-20% overhead charged by private insurers.<sup>3</sup>

Medicaid is also a crucial component of state budgets. In 2022, state and federal Medicaid funds accounted for 29% of all state government spending nationwide and 35% of New York's \$209,000,000,000 state budget.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC), "MACStats: Medicaid and CHIP Data Book, 2024," pg. 46-47. ([https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/MACSTATS\\_Dec2024\\_WEB-508.pdf#page=58](https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/MACSTATS_Dec2024_WEB-508.pdf#page=58)).

<sup>3</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, "Medical Loss Ratio," February 25, 2025. (<https://www.cms.gov/marketplace/private-health-insurance/medical-loss-ratio>).

<sup>4</sup> Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC), "MACStats: Medicaid and CHIP Data Book, 2024," pg. 14-16. ([https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/MACSTATS\\_Dec2024\\_WEB-508.pdf#page=26](https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/MACSTATS_Dec2024_WEB-508.pdf#page=26)).