A Look At The Numbers

Medicaid in Florida

Who Medicaid Covers in Florida

Florida Medicaid plays a vital role serving individuals facing economic and social barriers, providing expanded benefits and services to improve their health and well-being. Florida Medicaid helps millions of Floridians get healthcare they couldn't otherwise afford. Medicaid covers 4.5 million Floridians, of which 3.5 million are enrolled in Medicaid managed care.[1,2]
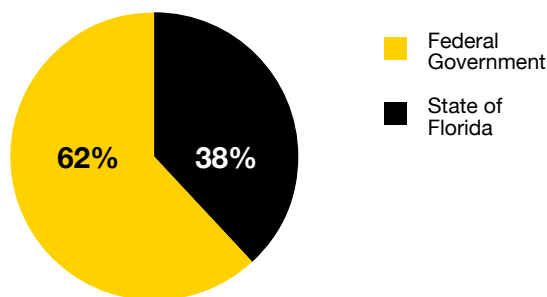
A State and Federal Program

Although the federal government provides general regulations for states to follow, states create a Medicaid program that best serves their citizens. The state of Florida determines who is eligible for the program and some specific services that are included in this coverage. This eligibility criteria must follow federal and state Medicaid laws and requirements.

Who Pays for Medicaid

The federal government pays for at least 50% of the Medicaid program. In 2021, the federal government will pay 62% of all Medicaid costs while Florida will pay the remaining 38% of Medicaid costs.[3] How much the federal government contributes is a three-year average of per capita personal income in the state, and the federal match can go up or down depending on the Florida economy.

62% **38%**

- Federal Government
- State of Florida

Partnering with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

The state of Florida contracts with 15 MCOs to administer the Medicaid program.[4] MCOs provide Medicaid benefits within state and federal requirements, and enable states to:

- Deliver higher quality care
- Improve health outcomes for Floridians enrolled in Medicaid
- Manage Medicaid costs

MCOs in Florida provide more than 55 additional benefits to people in Medicaid, including substance abuse and mental health treatment. Since their launch in the state, MCOs have also helped to:

- Double the amount of primary care providers in each network
- Expand access to after-hours care
- Improve transportation to ensure members get to appointments on time[5]

Holding MCOs to High Standards

MCOs are held to high standards at both the federal and state level. Florida has a state medical care advisory committee to receive feedback on MCOs from the Floridians they serve. The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, the state legislature, and the public provide oversight to MCOs through contract language, quality measurement strategies, and legislative hearings and reviews.[6,7,8]

1. AHCA, 2020   2. HHS, 2019   3. FAS, 2019   4. KFF, 2018   5. AHCA, 2019   6. AHCA, 2020   7. FDCF, 2019   8. Medicaid.gov