

Medicaid in Washington State

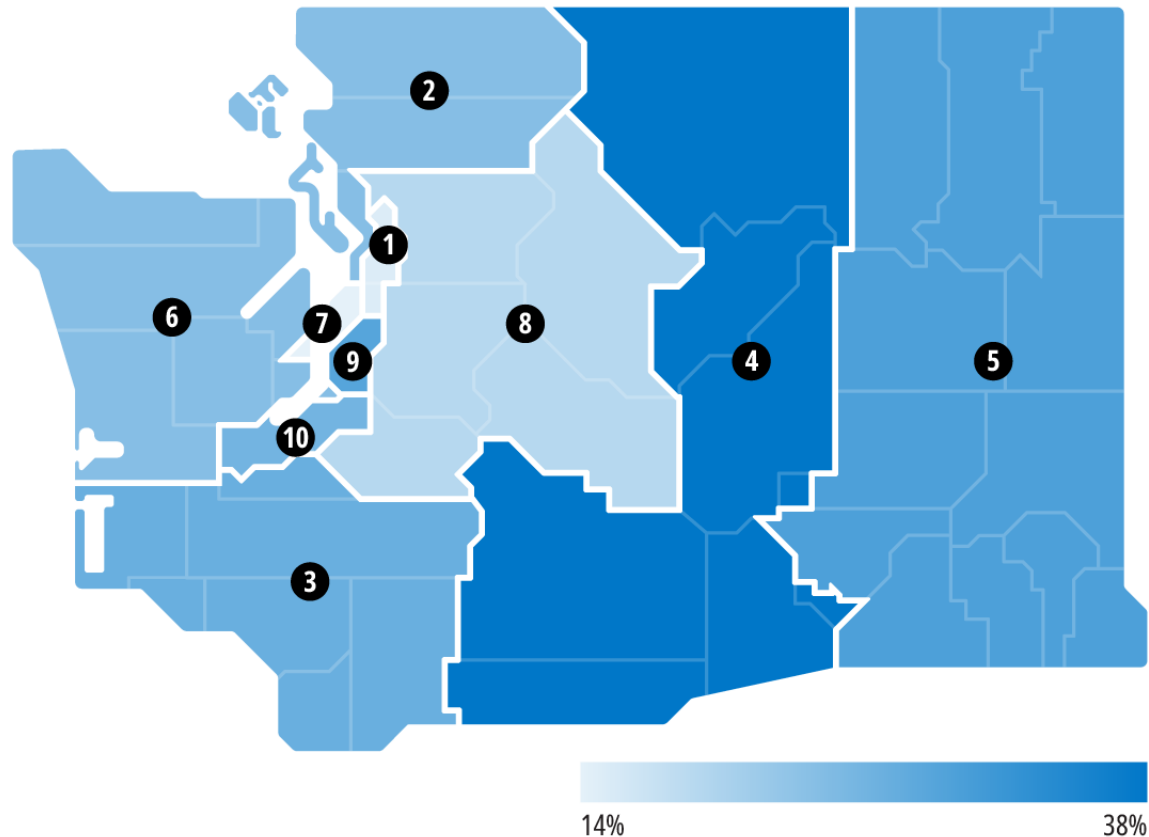
March 2025

Medicaid in Washington State

- ▶ Medicaid provides access to medical, dental, and vision care, as well as behavioral health services to people who qualify.
- ▶ Medicaid includes:
 - ▶ Classic Medicaid coverage for individuals ages 65 and older or who have blindness or a disability
 - ▶ Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) coverage for individual adults, parents/caretakers, children, and pregnant individuals.
- ▶ **Total covered population: 1,950,826** enrollees (June 2024)

Total Medicaid enrollment (June 2024)

Percent of district enrolled in Medicaid (%)



District	Total people enrolled in Medicaid	Percentage of district enrolled in Medicaid
1	122,612	15%
2	189,625	24%
3	213,699	27%
4	300,511	38%
5	237,567	30%
6	189,261	24%
7	115,792	14%
8	147,493	19%
9	229,070	29%
10	205,196	26%
State total	1,950,826	25%

Impact of reductions in federal funding

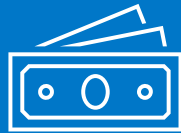
- ▶ **Scenario 1: Eliminate the 50% FMAP floor for Medicaid and CHIP**
 - ▶ New FMAP: 40%
 - ▶ New FMAP does not apply to non-ACA expansion adults
 - ▶ Estimated additional state cost (FY 2025): **\$1.2 billion**

- ▶ **Scenario 2: Eliminate the 90% federal share for ACA expansion adults**
 - ▶ New FMAP: 50%
 - ▶ Estimated additional state cost (FY 2025): **\$2.75 billion**

Source: [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities](#) estimates using data from the Medicaid Budget Expenditure System (MBES), Department of Health and Human Services federal match rates for 2025, and June 2024 Congressional Budget Office baseline projections.

Impact of federal per capita cap

- ▶ A per capita limit on federal Medicaid funding would force Washington to:



Increase state spending by
\$2 billion per year
to maintain coverage and services

OR



Reduce services
Reduce Medicaid enrollment

Source: [KFF analysis](#) of Medicaid enrollment and spending data. Analysis assumes a decrease to the enhanced FMAP for adult expansion population.

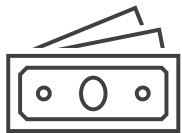
Impact of reductions in federal match rates

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
Description	Eliminate the FMAP floor for Medicaid and CHIP	Decrease the enhanced (90%) FMAP for Expansion Adults	Eliminate the floor and the enhanced match for ACA expansion adults
Impact per percentage point decrease in FMAP	\$72.2 M	\$46.1 M	\$118.3 M
Assumed FMAP Rates	Medicaid: 40% CHIP: 58% Expansion adults: 90%	Medicaid: 50% CHIP: 65% Expansion adults: 50%	Medicaid: 40% CHIP: 58% Expansion adults: 40%
Total cost impact to state	\$722 M	\$1.84 B	\$3.03 B

Hospital care



Hospitals include emergency medical care, inpatient and outpatient services, maternity and newborn care, and more



\$3.36 B in Medicaid payments for Washingtonian hospital care (SFY 2024)

68%

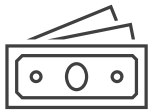
Share of hospital Medicaid payments paid by federal government

District	No. of facilities	Federal share (%)	Total paid (SFY 2024)
1	9	75%	\$125 M
2	10	71%	\$224 M
3	10	71%	\$191 M
4	24	66%	\$318 M
5	29	67%	\$352 M
6	18	66%	\$487 M
7	12	61%	\$686 M
8	10	70%	\$113 M
9	9	77%	\$545 M
10	10	72%	\$202 M

Community health centers



Community health centers (CHC) provide comprehensive primary care, dental care, and support services to underserved populations



\$666 M in Medicaid payments to CHCs, plus **\$454 million** in enhancements (SFY 2024)

67%

Share of Medicaid payments paid by federal government

27

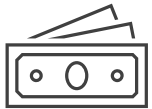
Washington CHCs, half of whom serve rural communities

District	No. of CHCs	Federal share	Total paid (SFY 2024)
1	5	65%	\$19.9 M
2	3	66%	\$71.6 M
3	6	69%	\$34.8 M
4	11	61%	\$147 M
5	5	72%	\$123 M
6	3	71%	\$365 M
7	6	69%	\$42.5 M
8	4	67%	\$17.4 M
9	7	66%	\$129 M
10	4	66%	\$41.1 M
Out of state	5	71%	\$3.7 M
Total	27*	67%	\$666.5 M

School-based health services



Medicaid school-based health services program reimburses for special education health-related services (evaluations, nursing, counseling, speech-language therapy, and more)



\$14.8 M in Medicaid payments (SFY 2024)

51%

Share of SBHS Medicaid program costs paid by federal government

District	School districts that offered health services	Total paid (SFY 2024)
1	8	\$0.89 M
2	15	\$1.7 M
3	29	\$2.3 M
4	21	\$1.9 M
5	16	\$2.7 M
6	11	\$0.80 M
7	5	\$1.03 M
8	15	\$0.73 M
9	4	\$0.78 M
10	11	\$1.9 M
Total	135	\$14.8 M



Contact us

MaryAnne Lindeblad

MaryAnne.lindeblad@hca.wa.gov

Evan Klein

evan.klein@hca.wa.gov



hca.wa.gov

[@WAHealthCareAuthority](https://twitter.com/WAHealthCareAuthority)

[@WA_Health_Care](https://twitter.com/WA_Health_Care)

Washington State
Health Care Authority