# Medicaid in Missouri



In Missouri, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) cover more than **990,000 people**.

### Children

**63%** of Missouri Medicaid users are children

2 in 5 children in MO have Medicaid



## People with disabilities

1 in 4 people with disabilities in MO have Medicaid



#### **Seniors**

3 in 5 people in nursing homes in MO have Medicaid



## **Pregnant women and parents**

2 in 5 births in MO are covered by Medicaid



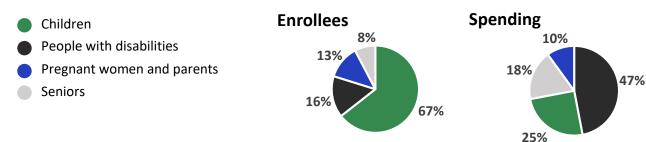
## What a great deal...

- Health spending grew less for Medicaid than for private insurers in 2007-2013
- Most Medicaid funding comes from federal funds and provider taxes
- Missouri pays just 17% of Medicaid costs from state general revenue

## **Medicaid spending**

Even though children are the majority of enrollees, people with disabilities and seniors account for almost \$2 out of every \$3 we spend. That's because they need special care, such as:

- Stays in nursing homes
- Community-based services, including help with personal care, nursing, and adult daycare
- Acute care, including doctor's visits, medicine, surgeries, and hospital stays



## Who can get Medicaid?

Missouri has some of the strictest Medicaid laws in the country. We only cover our most vulnerable people. Without Medicaid, most of them would have no health care at all.

**77%** of Medicaid enrollees have at least 1 working adult in the family.

### **Children and families**

In the table, you can see the maximum monthly income for a household to get Medicaid. Children and babies can get Medicaid at higher incomes than adults.

	Family of 1	Family of 2	Family of 3
Children and babies	\$3,020	\$4,072	\$5,124
Pregnant women	\$1,990	\$2,684	\$3,377
Parents of young children	\$191	\$308	\$385

## People with disabilities and seniors

For people with disabilities, income limits don't use family size. They only look at how many people with disabilities live in the household. In the table, you can see the maximum monthly income for a household to get Medicaid.

	1 family member with disabilities	2 family members with disabilities
People with disabilities & seniors	\$842	\$1,135
People who are blind	\$990	\$1,335

#### Other adults

Adults who don't care for children can only get Medicaid in Missouri in very special situations, such as young adults aging out of foster care or uninsured women with breast or cervical cancer.

## Sarah's story

Sarah is 17. She has Down syndrome and gets health care through Medicaid. Sarah lives with her widowed mother, Dee, and may never be able to live by herself.

Dee helps Sarah with her daily needs but can't afford to pay for Sarah's insurance through her job. Sarah has been on Medicaid since birth. Without Medicaid, Sarah wouldn't get the care she needs for her hearing, eyesight, and thyroid problems.

Dee is terrified something will happen to her daughter's coverage, "It would be devastating if the money ran out for Medicaid. It's scary to think my daughter may not have health care."