

Medicaid Can Cover 45 Percent More Uninsured People than Public Exchanges for the Same Cost: Citations

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The cost of coverage is a per capita national average, reflecting total (federal, state, and consumer) costs, including premiums and cost-sharing. The comparison is based on full-year coverage in 2020 for Public Exchange enrollees ages 18 to 64 under 400 percent of the federal poverty level who found coverage through the Federally Facilitated Marketplace and for non-disabled Medicaid beneficiaries ages 19 to 64. Federal and state shares for Medicaid costs and federal and consumer shares for Public Exchange costs represent weighted averages for current enrollees. The estimated cost of coverage assumes the average per capita cost for eligible but uninsured individuals is comparable to the average cost for current enrollees.
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