

Closing the Coverage Gap

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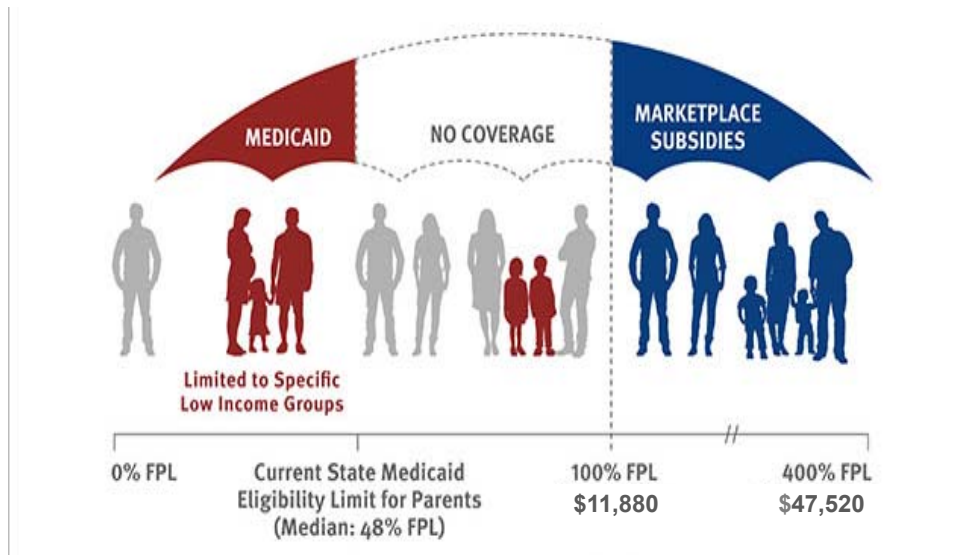


Background

- ACA was designed to provide coverage at all income levels
- Supreme court ruling made Medicaid expansion optional
- Some states now have a coverage gap



In states that have not expanded Medicaid, there are large gaps in coverage



WHO FALLS IN THE GAP?



The Coverage Gap and Health Disparities

- Income and outcomes
- Coverage gap amplifies existing disparities
- 53% of uninsured women in MO fall into coverage gap
- An estimated 4,800 homeless individuals fall in the coverage gap
- People with mental illness less likely to get treatment without expansion
- African Americans are 11.2% of MO population, would be 24% of expansion population



Cost of the Coverage Gap

- Missouri is losing \$100 million each year
- 20,000 jobs in first year
- 300,000 Missourians without health insurance
- 700 Missourians die every year



CLOSING THE COVERAGE GAP WOULD HELP REAL PEOPLE

- Jamie was told she could apply for disability but doesn't want to do that.
- Health insurance would mean being able to get the treatment she needs that would allow her to get a better job, finish her education, and be the best mom possible.



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