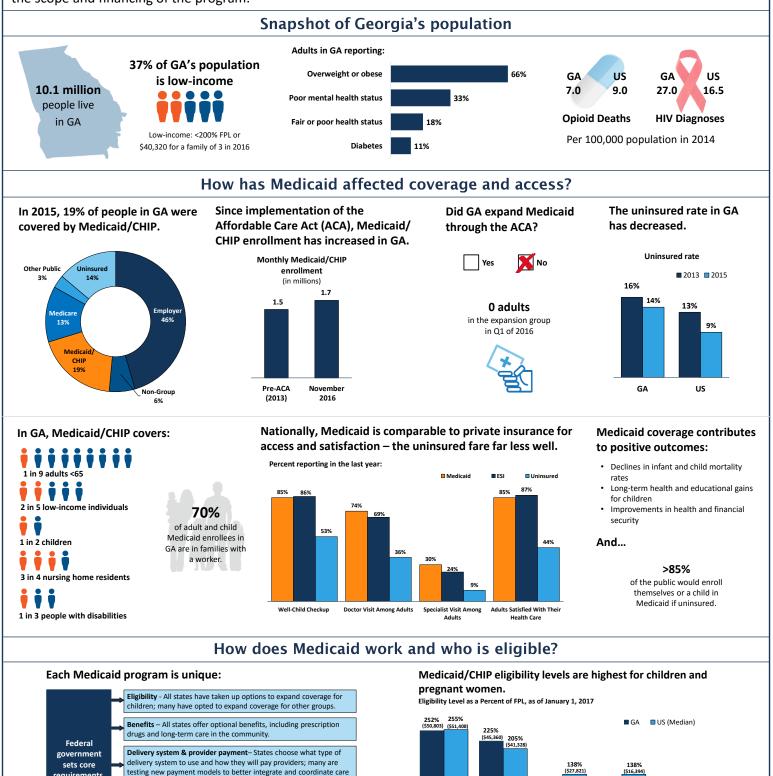


## MEDICAID IN GEORGIA

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide health and long-term care coverage to more than 1.7 million low-income children, pregnant women, adults, seniors, and people with disabilities in Georgia. Medicaid is a major source of funding for safety-net hospitals and nursing homes. Federal policy proposals could fundamentally change the scope and financing of the program.



to improve health outcomes Long-term care - States have expanded eligibility for people who need long-term care and are increasingly shifting spending away from institutions and towards community-based care.

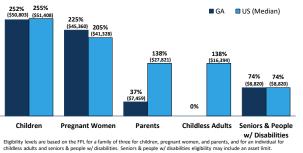
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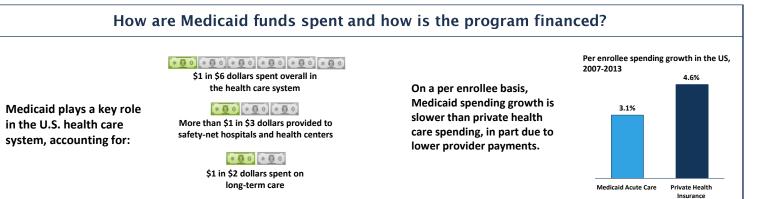
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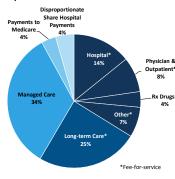
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State health priorities - States can use Medicaid to address issues such as the opioid epidemic, HIV, Zika, autism, dementia, environmental health emergencies, etc.

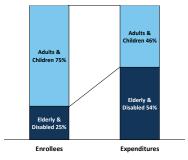




# In FY 2015, Medicaid spending in GA was \$9.8 billion.



In 2011, most Medicaid beneficiaries in GA were children and adults, but most spending was for the elderly and people with disabilities.



**303,900** Medicare beneficiaries (22%) in GA rely on Medicaid for assistance with Medicare premiums and cost-sharing and services not covered by Medicare, particularly longterm care.

#### 29%

of Medicaid spending in GA is for Medicare beneficiaries.

## Federal funding to states is guaranteed with no cap and fluctuates depending on program needs.

In GA the federal share (FMAP) is 67.9%. For every **\$1** spent by the state, the Federal government matches **\$2.11**.

Expansion states receive an increased FMAP for the expansion population. GA did not expand Medicaid and did not receive additional federal funds.



15% of state general fund spending in GA is for Medicaid.

**49%** of all federal funds received by GA is for Medicaid.

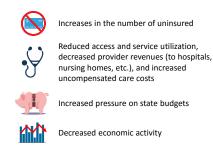
## What are the implications of reduced federal financing in a Medicaid block grant or a per capita cap?

### Congress may soon debate proposals to reduce federal Medicaid funding through ACA repeal and federal caps.

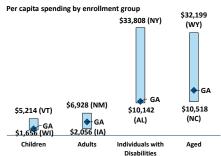
The March 2016 Budget Resolution would reduce federal Medicaid spending by **41%** nationally over the 2017-2026 period.



### The impact of a block grant or per capita cap will depend on funding levels, but could include:



## A per capita cap could lock in historical state differences or redistribute federal funds across states.



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**0.75** is the Medicaid-to-Medicare

physician fee ratio in GA.

## 48%

of long-term care spending in GA is for home and community-based care.

69%

of beneficiaries in GA are in managed care.