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NC Department of Health and Human Services

NC Health Works Update

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Continuous Coverage Unwinding

- As of Dec. 31, 2023, 1.15M recertifications have been completed
- 196,000 beneficiaries have been removed from Medicaid since June 2023 due to no longer being eligible or procedural reasons
- CMS approved automatically extend Medicaid eligibility for all children under the age of 19 for 12 months
 - Granted through an "e14" temporary waiver from December 2023 through the end of the State's continuous coverage unwinding period
 - Children make up half of the county caseload; 80% are typically redetermined eligible
 - Allows local DSS offices to focus on processing applications and adult recertifications
 - To date, 468k children have had their Medicaid coverage extended

SOURCE: NC Medicaid Continuous Coverage Unwinding Dashboard at https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/federallyrequired-reports

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County Support

- Flexibilities and Policy Changes
 - Policy updates that increase recertification processing rates
 - Extending child eligibility for 12 months for recertifications
- Automation
 - Proactive outreach to beneficiaries via email, text, phone
 - Straight-through processing improvements so apps and recerts can process more quickly
 - Federally Facilitated Marketplace determination state, effective Feb. 1, 2024
 - currently supported for one year in legislation
 - extension would further support county workloads
- Tools
 - Extensive communications and staffing tools and materials provided
 - County-specific recommendations and best practices
 - Onsite technical assistance and process improvement

NC Medicaid Expansion Successes

- 273,000 enrollees were enrolled in full Medicaid coverage on December 1, 2023
- ~ 1,000 Medicaid Expansion enrollees were added each day in January 2024, on average
- 340,000+ total enrollees as of January 31
- There is strong collaboration with the county DSS offices, health plans, DHHS, and community partners
- There have not been reports of lack of access to providers through help center tickets

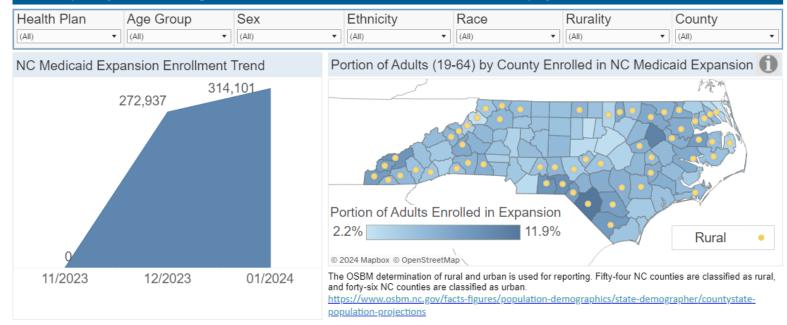
NC Medicaid Expansion

NC Medicaid Expansion Enrollment Dashboard

Last Update on January 12, 2024 Updated Monthly

NC Medicaid Expansion Enrollment as of January 12, 2024: **314,101** *Note: Enrollments processed after this date are not reflected in this dashboard.*

This dashboard shows the number of people eligible for NC Medicaid only through expansion coverage. The charts, excluding the map, can be viewed by health plan, demographics, and/or county by using the filters below. Note: For privacy reasons, categories and/or charts with counts less than 11 will not display.



SOURCE: NC Medicaid Expansion Dashboard at https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/reports/medicaidexpansion-dashboard

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Provider Enrollment

- NC Medicaid provider enrollment and participation continues to increase
 - 2021: 95,753
 - 2022: 100,441 (5% increase)
 - 2023: 101,871 (1.5% increase)
- Primary care provider enrollment is rebounding
 - 2021: 3229
 - 2022: 3004 (7% decrease)
 - 2023: 3113 (3.6% increase)



Medicaid Expansion dashboard:

https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/reports/medicaid-expansion-dashboard

Medicaid Enrollment dashboard:

https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/reports/dashboards/enrollment-dashboard

Continuous Coverage Unwinding dashboard:

https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/federally-required-reports

PHP Claims dashboard:

https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/reports/dashboards/php-claims-monitoringdashboard