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# Dig Deeper Resources

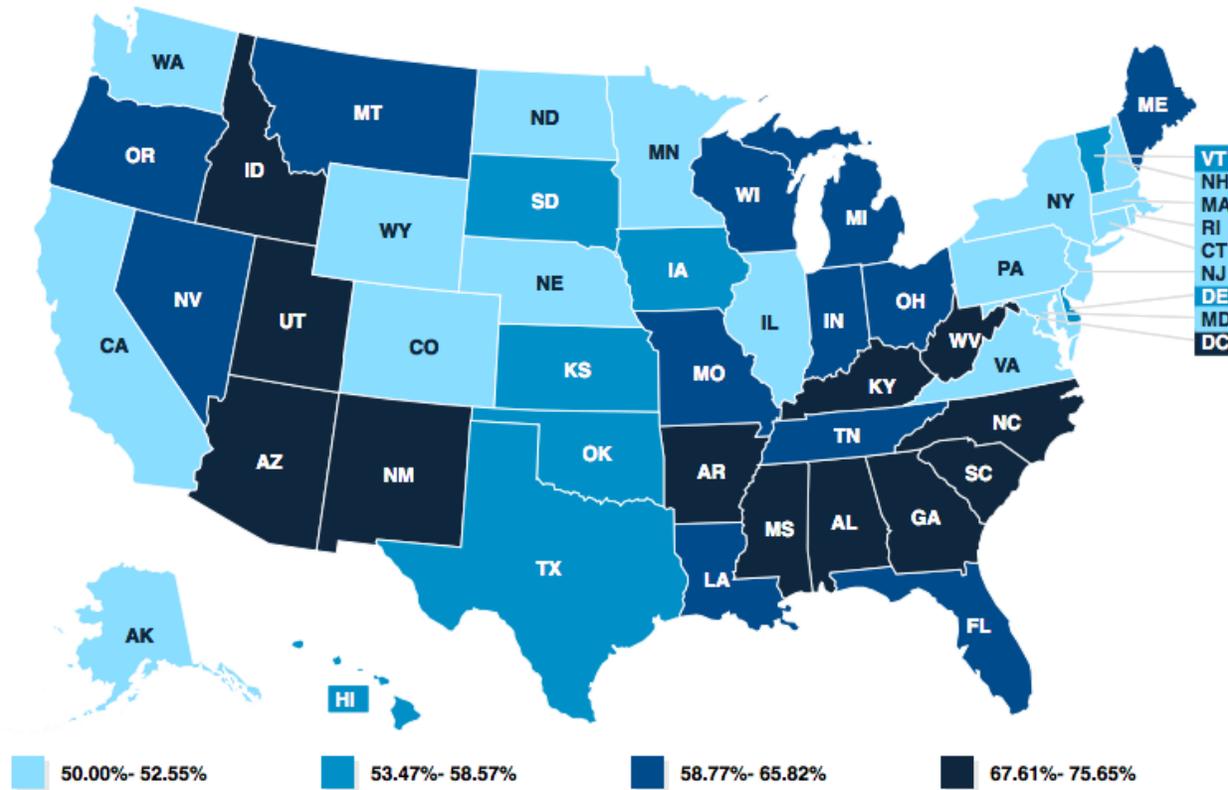
- Medicaid funding: how it works and what influences it
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Medicaid funding: how it works and economic influences

# Funding for Medicaid: A Federal & State Relationship

- Federal government guarantees matching funds to states for qualifying Medicaid expenditures through a calculation called **FMAP** (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage)
  - FMAP rates vary by state based on state per capita income
  - Rates vary from 50% to 83% as a portion of federal to state funding
- Federal funds to flow to states based on actual costs and needs as economic circumstances change
- States must ensure they can fund their share of Medicaid expenditures for the care and services available under their state plan

# Medicaid costs are shared by the federal government and states in 2018.



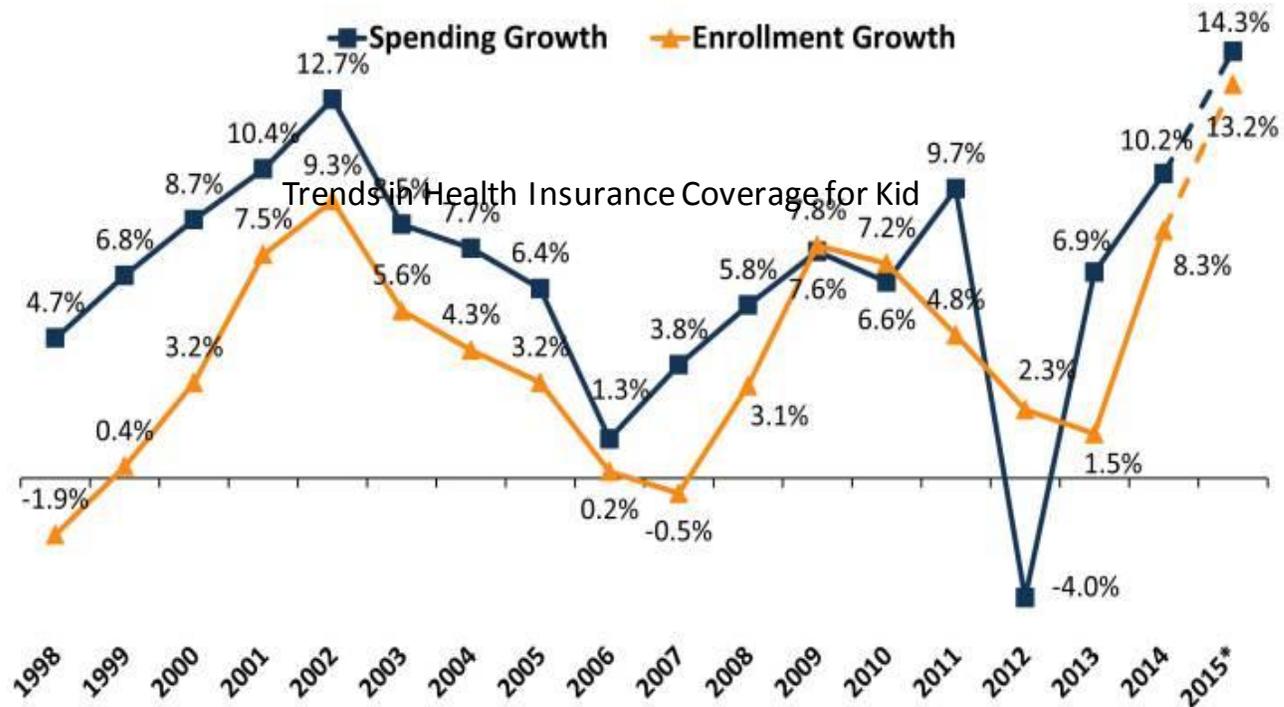
# Other Sources of Funding for Medicaid

- Disproportionate Share Hospital payments (DSH) for “Safety Net Hospitals”
- State Financing of the Non-Federal Share
  - State general fund appropriations
  - Provider taxes and fees

# Medicaid, Economy, and Policy Intertwined

Figure 6

**Medicaid spending and enrollment are affected by changes in economic conditions and policy.**



NOTE: Enrollment percentage changes from June to June of each year. Spending growth percentages in state fiscal year.

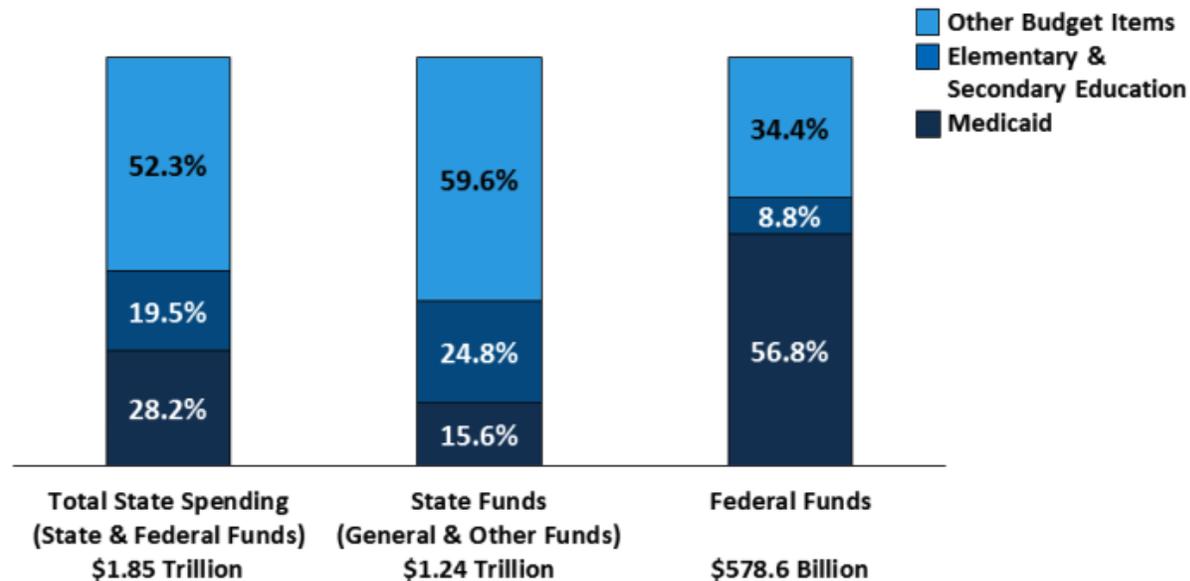
SOURCE: Medicaid Enrollment June 2013 Data Snapshot, KCMU, January 2014. Spending Data from KCMU Analysis of CMS Form 64 Data for Historic Medicaid Growth Rates. FY 2014 and 2015 data based on KCMU survey of Medicaid officials in 50 states and DC conducted by Health Management Associates, October 2014.



# The Give and Take of Medicaid and State Budgets

**Medicaid is both a spending item and a federal revenue source for states.**

Distribution of state spending on state budget items, FY 2015:



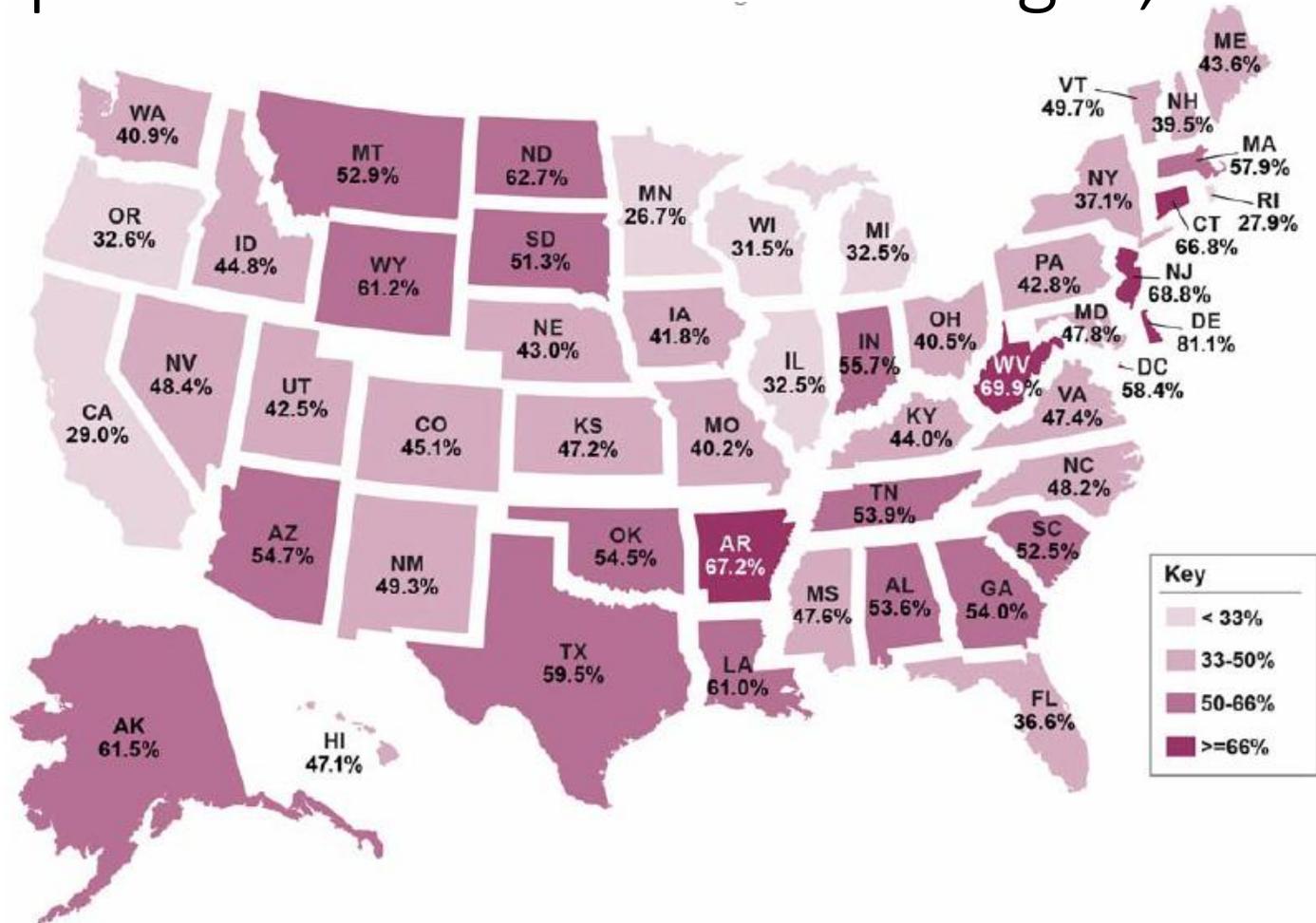
SOURCE: Kaiser Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured estimates based on the NASBO's November 2016 State Expenditure Report (data for Actual FY 2015.)

Medicaid payment and reimbursement

# Medicaid provider fees for selected pediatric services, 2017

	California	Louisiana	Maryland
<b>MEDICAL</b>			
99383, New patient, preventive services, age 5-11	54.83	79.06	120.84
99393, Established patient, preventive services, age 5-11	43.85	67.79	106.17
99222, Initial inpatient encounter, 50 min	79.86	102.41	136.61
99232 Subsequent inpatient encounter, 25 min	41.24	55.71	71.74
<b>DENTAL</b>			
D0150, Comprehensive oral evaluation, new patient	22.50	27.24	29.08
D0120, Periodic oral evaluation, established patient	13.50	47.37	51.50

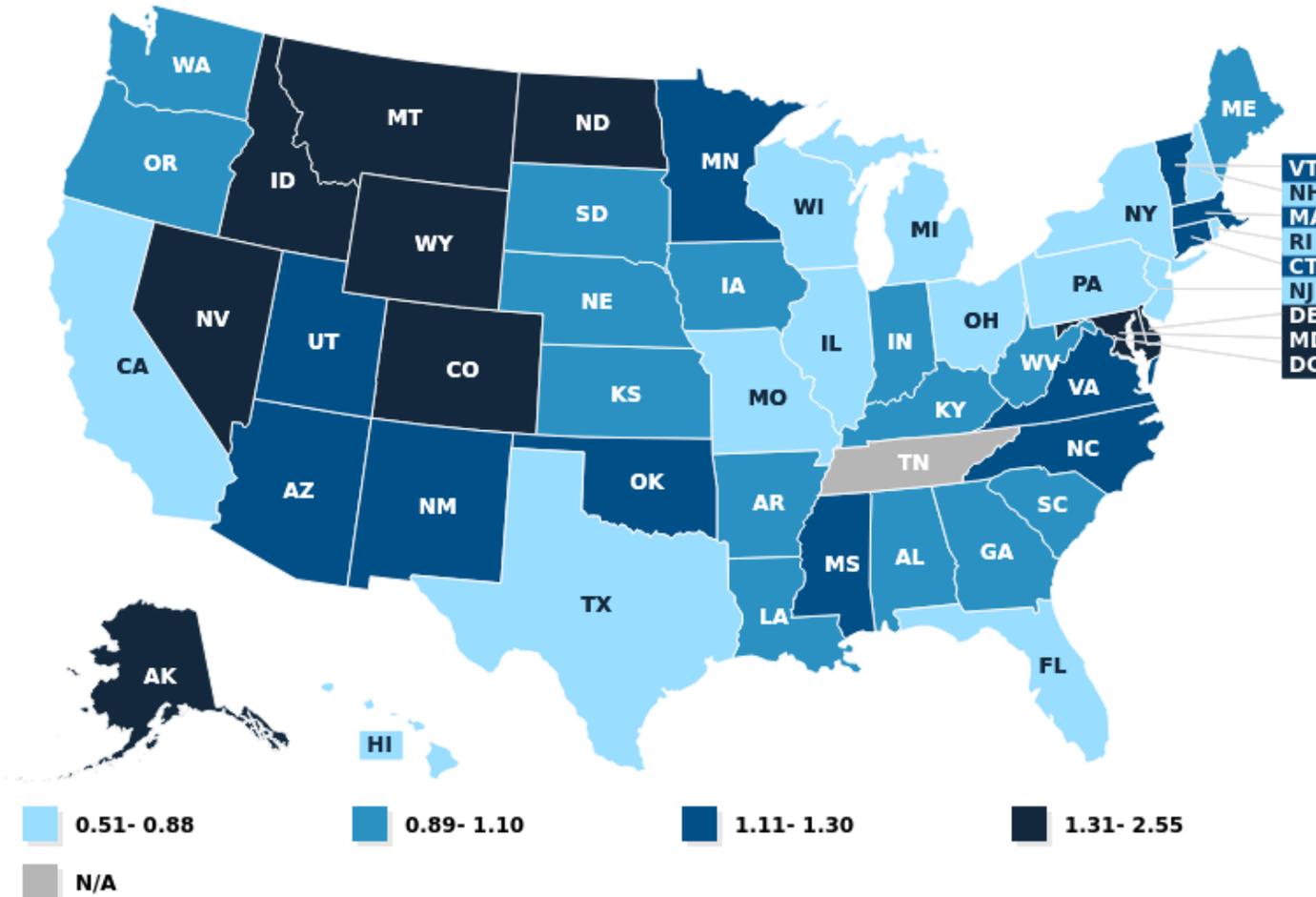
# Medicaid pediatric dental payment as a proportion of commercial charges, 2013



**Source:** Medicaid FFS reimbursement data collected from state Medicaid agencies. Commercial dental insurance charges data collected from FAIR Health. **Notes:** The following states contract the majority of their Medicaid enrollees to managed care programs for dental services: DC, FL, GA, ID, KY, LA, MI, MN, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OR, RI, TN, TX, VT and WV. The relative fee rates shown in this figure for these states, therefore, may not be representative of typical dentist reimbursement in Medicaid.

# Medicaid physician fee payments, as a proportion of Medicare rates

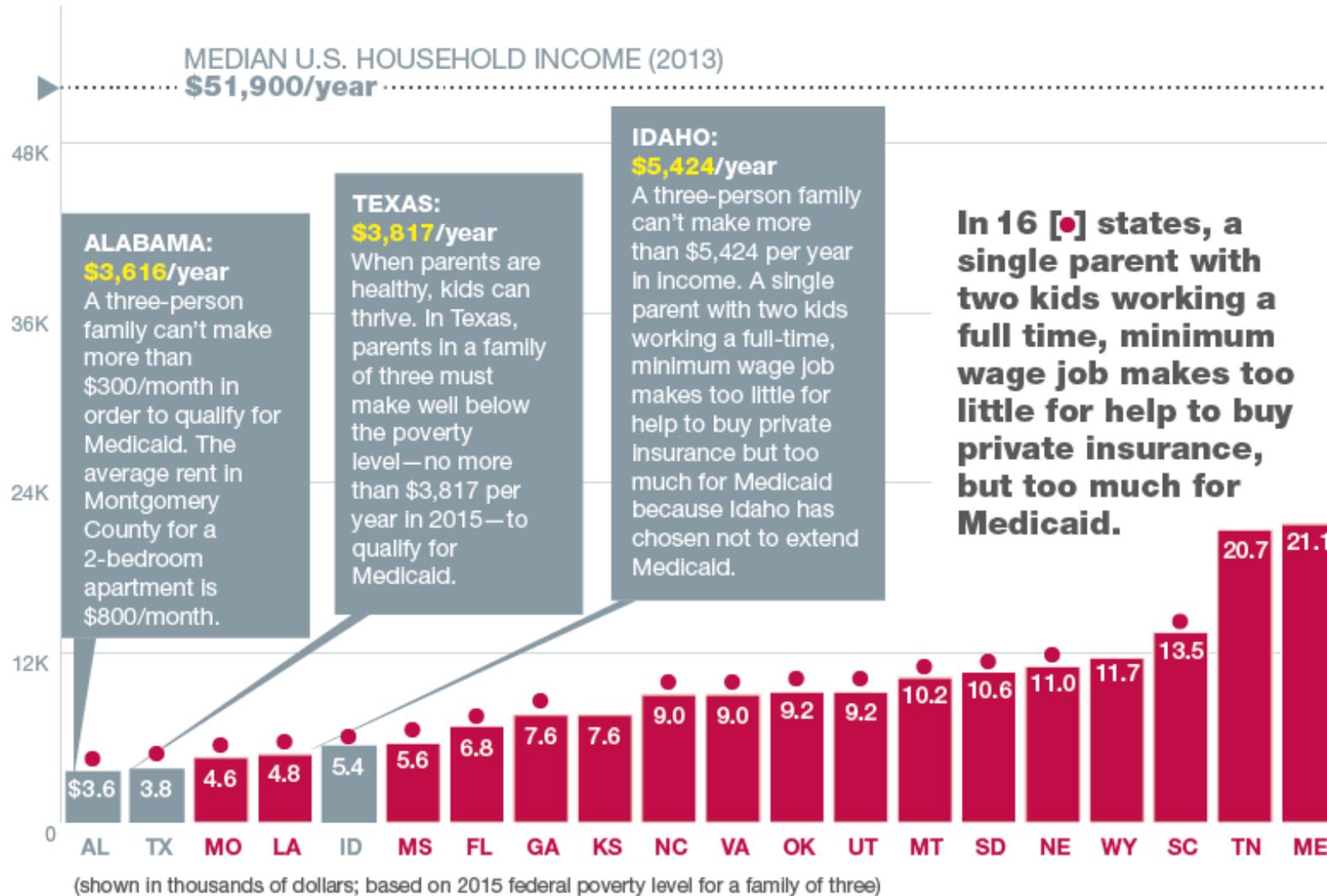
Medicaid Physician Fee Index: Primary Care, 2016



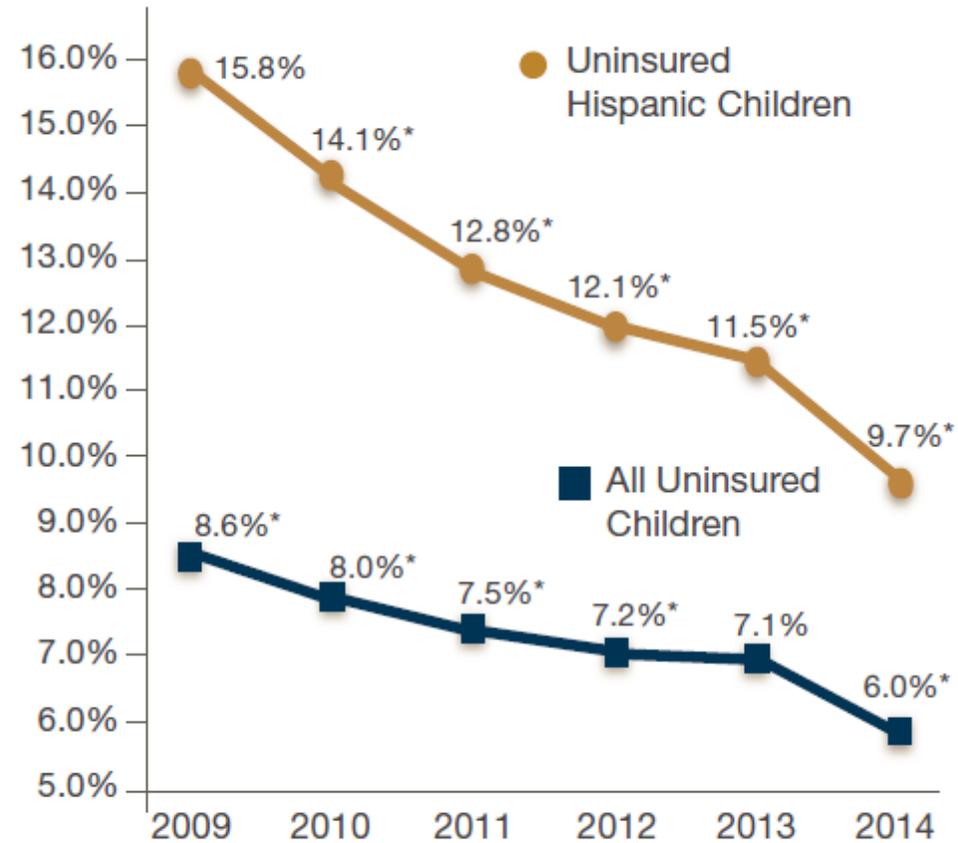
SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation's State Health Facts.

Children, families, and services through Medicaid,  
including unique populations

# Annual family income to qualify for Medicaid, by state, 2013



# Number of uninsured Hispanic children declining but still disproportionately high



\* Indicates change is significant at the 90% confidence level.

# More on Medicaid for Unique Populations

## Pregnant women

- Federal minimum: Medicaid covers pregnant women who otherwise qualify and make up to 133% FPL
- State to state variability in many aspects
  - Coverage available under CHIP for mother or “unborn child”
  - Period of time covered post partum (60 das minimum)
  - Scope of maternity benefits covered
  - Coverage of pregnant women of varying immigration status

## Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

- As defined by Health and Human Services
- Typically qualify for Medicaid based on low family income or by receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.
- Additional pathways exist to cover CSHCN; these vary by state
- Medicaid and CHIP combined cover 44% of CSHCN and provide a broad range of medical and long-term care services that their families would otherwise be unable to afford

# More on Medicaid for Unique Populations

## **Children in Substitute care**

- Most children in foster care qualify for Medicaid
- Children who have aged out of foster care can keep Medicaid up to 26<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Most children moving into and out of juvenile justice facilities are eligible for Medicaid and CHIP based on income.

## **Immigrants**

- Immigrants deemed qualified non-citizens can qualify for full Medicaid
  - Legal permanent residents, asylees, refugees, other special categories
- Legal permanent residents are generally barred from receiving full Medicaid benefits for five years; states can waive this ban for children and pregnant women (no 5 yr ban for refugees/asylees)
- Non-qualified non-citizens who meet income and all other eligibility criteria for the program can only receive limited emergency Medicaid coverage.

# More on EPSDT: Mandated Basic Coverage

- Screening
  - Age-appropriate medical, dental, vision and hearing screening services at specified times, and when health problems arise or are suspected
  - Includes periodic developmental and behavioral screening
  - Visit includes Comprehensive health and developmental history, comprehensive physical exam, immunizations, lab testing, education and anticipatory guidance

# More on EPSDT: Mandated Basic Coverage

- Diagnosis
  - Prompt diagnostic workup and follow-up
  - Work-up can be in patient or outpatient as determined by provider
- Treatment
  - Includes physical and mental illnesses or conditions
  - Includes physician and hospital services, private duty nursing, personal care services, home health and medical equipment and supplies, rehabilitative services, and vision, hearing, and dental services

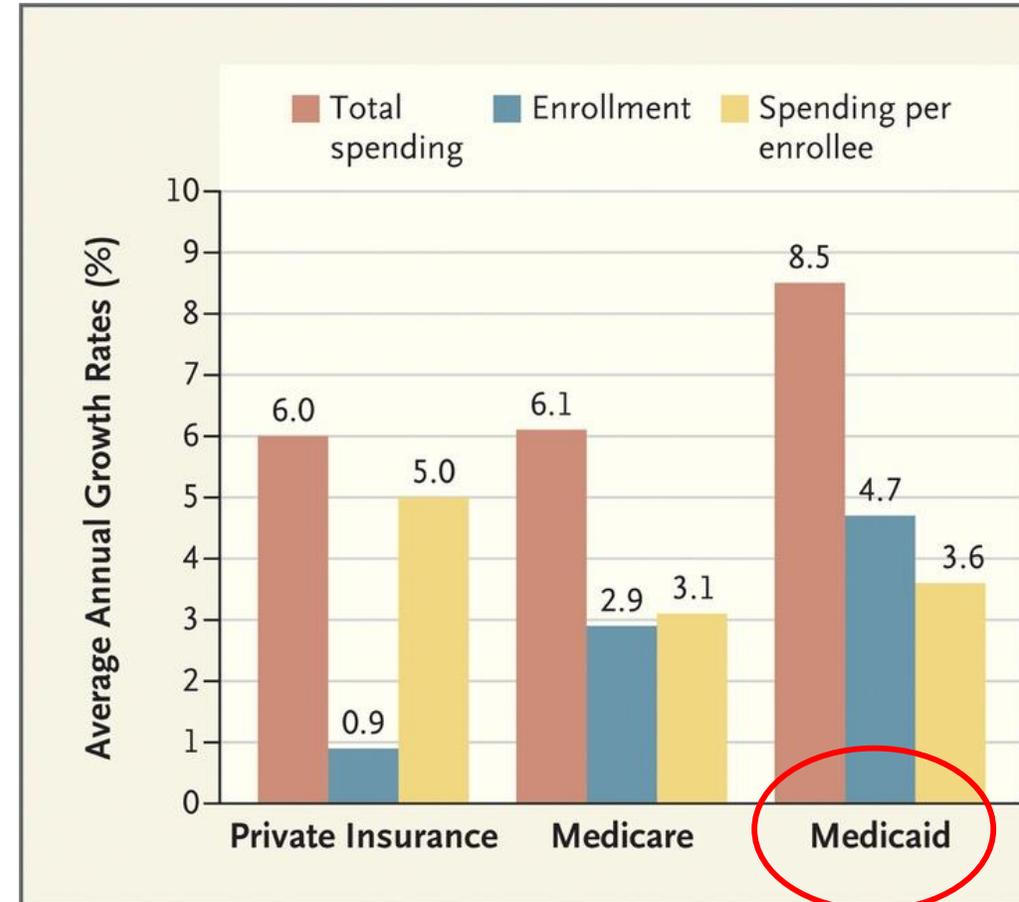
# More on EPSDT: Sources

- Medicaid. EPSDT – A Guide for States.  
[https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/downloads/epsdt\\_coverage\\_guide.pdf](https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/downloads/epsdt_coverage_guide.pdf)
  - *Look at page 39 of this document for a general overview/summary*
- HRSA. Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment.  
<https://mchb.hrsa.gov/maternal-child-health-initiatives/mchb-programs/early-periodic-screening-diagnosis-and-treatment#core>
- Georgetown University. EPSDT: A Primer on Medicaid's Pediatric Benefit.  
<https://ccf.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/EPSDT-fact-sheet.pdf>.
- Medicaid.gov. Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment.  
<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/epsdt/index.html>
- Recent publication (June 2017) on implications of budget cuts  
<https://ccf.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/EPSDT-At-Risk-Final.pdf>

How Medicaid stacks up to other insurance options

# Medicaid Spending Compared

- Total Medicaid spending increases at a relatively high rate
  - Primarily because of caseload growth (i.e. enrollment)
- Per capita Medicaid spending grows more slowly than private insurance
- Reasons include aggressive cost-containment policies to include:
  - Provider payment rates
  - Managed-care contracting
  - Drug-pricing/utilization policies



# More on How Medicaid Stacks Up

- What misconceptions have you commonly heard about Medicaid?  
Setting the facts straight about Medicaid:  
<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/10-things-to-know-about-medicaid-setting-the-facts-straight/>
- In regards to access to care and outcomes, Medicaid gets the job done (even comparatively to private insurance):  
<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/data-note-three-findings-about-access-to-care-and-health-outcomes-in-medicaid/>

Insurance coverage and health outcomes: A  
comparison of the US and other industrialized  
countries

# International Comparison Activity

- Compare the US with other nations using [healthsystemtracker.org](http://healthsystemtracker.org) and [data.worldbank.org](http://data.worldbank.org)

Country	Funding model	Per capita health care expenditure	Out of pocket health expenditure	Uninsured rate	Infant mortality	Age-adjusted mortality
USA	Private and public insurance payers, private and public providers					

# Additional Advocacy Resources

# Resources for Advocating Around Medicaid

Learn more by reviewing these websites:

- American Academy of Pediatrics Advocacy and Policy:

<https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/Pages/Advocacy-and-Policy.aspx>

- Kaiser Family Foundation:

<https://www.kff.org/medicaid>

- Georgetown University Center for Children and Families:

<https://ccf.georgetown.edu/topic/medicaid>