In January 2014, Colorado expanded Medicaid coverage through the Affordable Care Act to include more adults and former foster kids up to age 26. Prior to Medicaid expansion, approximately 740,000 Coloradans were uninsured.¹

**Expansion Demographics**  
Source: Colorado Medicaid Management Information System

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<td>25 - 34</td>
<td>132,286</td>
<td>52% male</td>
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<td>35 - 44</td>
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<td>45 - 54</td>
<td>76,960</td>
<td>48% female</td>
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40% NOT IDENTIFIED/OTHER  
19% HISPANIC/LATINO  
6% AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK  
2% ASIAN  
2% AMERICAN INDIAN

**75%** of Health First Colorado adult members work.²

**48%** of newly eligible are under the age of 35.

**MORE THAN 400,000 COLORADANS** are covered through Medicaid expansion

**2016 Federal Poverty Levels**

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<td>Up to $15,804</td>
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Adults covered through Medicaid expansion cannot earn income over 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

**Expansion Economic Impact**

**Medicaid Expansion: Economic Activity**

Expanding Colorado Medicaid will increase the state’s gross domestic product by $3.0 billion -- or 1.14% -- through fiscal year 2015-16.

**Medicaid Expansion: Household Earnings**

Expanding Colorado Medicaid means average annual household earnings will be $843 higher in Fiscal Year 2015-16.

**Medicaid Expansion: Job Creation**

Expanding Colorado Medicaid will create more than 31,000 new jobs in the state through Fiscal Year 2015-16.

The uninsured rate in CO went from a high of nearly 15.8 percent in 2011, to 6.7 percent in 2015 because of Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion and premium subsidies for private insurance for Coloradans who qualify.⁴

Data from the Colorado Hospital Association shows that the average uncompensated care costs decreased by **36 percent** in the first quarter of 2014 when compared to the same period a year earlier.⁵
**Expansion Individuals Receiving Critical Services and Care**

**Medicaid Expansion Population by County in Colorado**

*Source: Fiscal Year 2015-2016*

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**Anna’s Story**

Anna, 25, is pursuing a career in health care. She is a professional research assistant in medical oncology on the Anschutz campus, and she has applied to physician assistant graduate programs. Anna’s 3-lb. Chihuahua, Nala, mostly nests in Anna’s arms and watches the world go by.

Anna became a Health First Colorado client while studying biology and public health as an undergraduate at the University of Colorado Denver.

“The insurance was really helpful for me as a student,” she says. “I worked two jobs as a full-time student, but wasn’t able to afford health insurance. Health First Colorado enabled me to maintain my health, which allowed me to focus on my studies.”

She graduated in 2015 and later enrolled in health insurance through her employer.

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This population data includes all members with active Medicaid eligibility as of Feb 1, 2017.

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©Colorado Benefits Management System monthly snapshot of employment data for June 2016. Includes only Health First Colorado members ages 16 through 64 with identified employment or earned income.

Some earning may be more skill-intensive.


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