

# MEDICAID: What It Brings to Alaska

## Improved Access to Health Care

Medicaid provided health care coverage to 166,625 adults and children in Alaska, an increase of 44,291 since 2013.

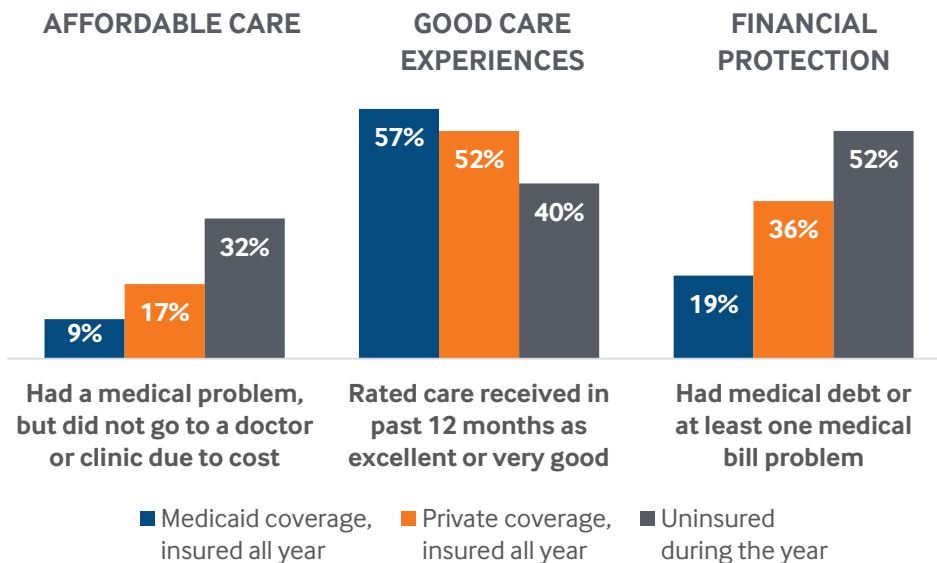
Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Enrollment



Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Medicaid enables people to get needed health care, just like private insurance.

Continuously insured adults with Medicaid report they have



Source: The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey, 2014.

Losing Medicaid would make it hard for people to get health care, and increase their risk of medical debt if they were to get sick.



The  
Commonwealth  
Fund

## Federal Dollars and Jobs

The federal government provided \$1 billion or 65% of the funding for people covered by Medicaid in Alaska.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation.

*Reduced Medicaid funding would mean that hospitals would have to absorb a lot of the cost of care for uninsured people.*

## Opioid Treatment

Cuts to Medicaid would jeopardize access to the drug naloxone, a life-saving medication that can reverse the effect of opioid overdose.

## Lives at risk

An estimated 11 lives were saved in Alaska from opioid overdose due to Medicaid-covered naloxone in 2016.

Source: R. G. Frank and C. E. Fry, "Medicaid Expands Access to Lifesaving Naloxone," To the Point, The Commonwealth Fund, July 5, 2017