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# Medicaid: Expansion and Trends

## Topics Covered







Medicaid Expansion: Deeper Dive

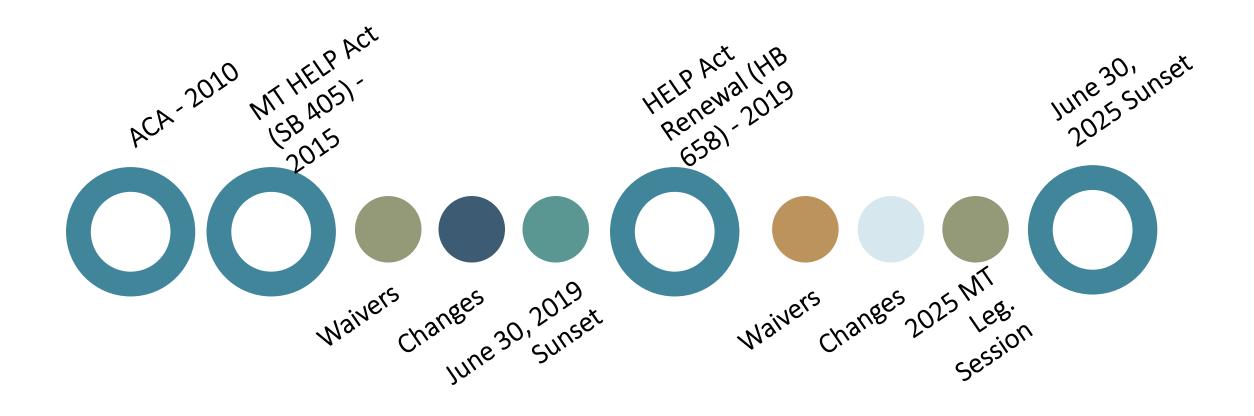
The Public Health Emergency and Enrollment Trends

Medicaid Expansion Literature Review

# Medicaid Expansion

A Deeper Dive

## Medicaid Expansion Timeline



## Funding

General Fund

State Special Revenue Funds

Federal Funds

## State Special Revenue Funds

Established for Expansion in 2020

HELP Act

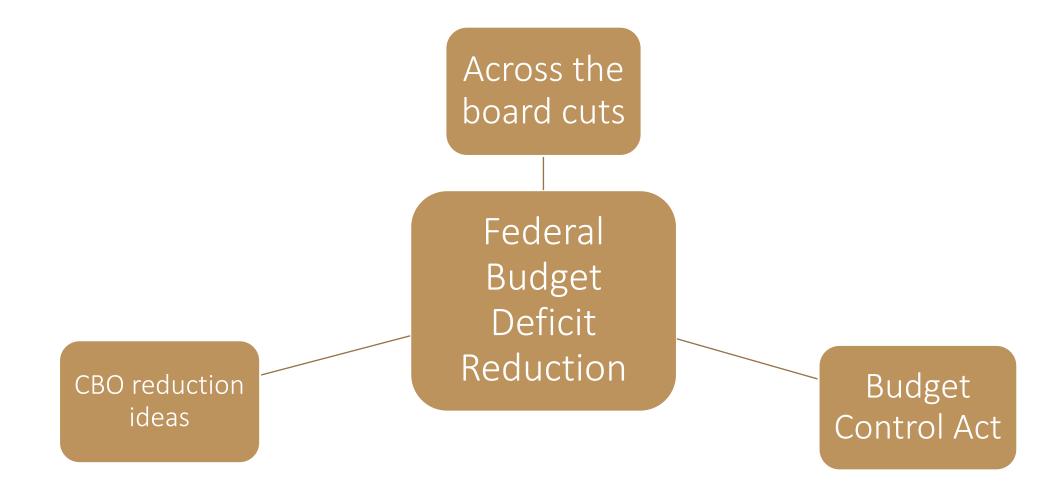
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MT HEART Fund

# Expenditures

Historical Medicaid Expansion Expenditures in Montana										
	FY2020		FY2021		FY2022		FY2023			
General Fund	\$	21,464,175	\$	33,165,422	\$	38,702,975	\$	38,802,077		
State Special		38,032,721		51,751,151		52,458,327		54,685,891		
Federal Funds		737,954,556		830,886,882		918,993,752		927,672,930		
Total	\$	797,451,452	\$	915,803,455	\$ 1	,010,155,054	\$ 1	,021,160,898		

### Federal Funds Risk



# Medicaid Enrollment

Trends amidst the Public Health Emergency in both Traditional and Expansion Populations

Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

The Public Health Emergency (PHE)

Apr. 2023

Mar. 2020

Declared end of the PHE

- FFCRA 6.2% additional FMAP (federal medical assistance percentage) for traditional Medicaid conditional on continuous enrollment throughout the PHE
  - Suspending annual redetermination process of checking if individuals qualified for continued enrollment

  - Not processing reported/discovered changes in circumstances Not ending an individual's coverage unless the individual requested it, moved out of state, or passed away

# Trends from the PHE

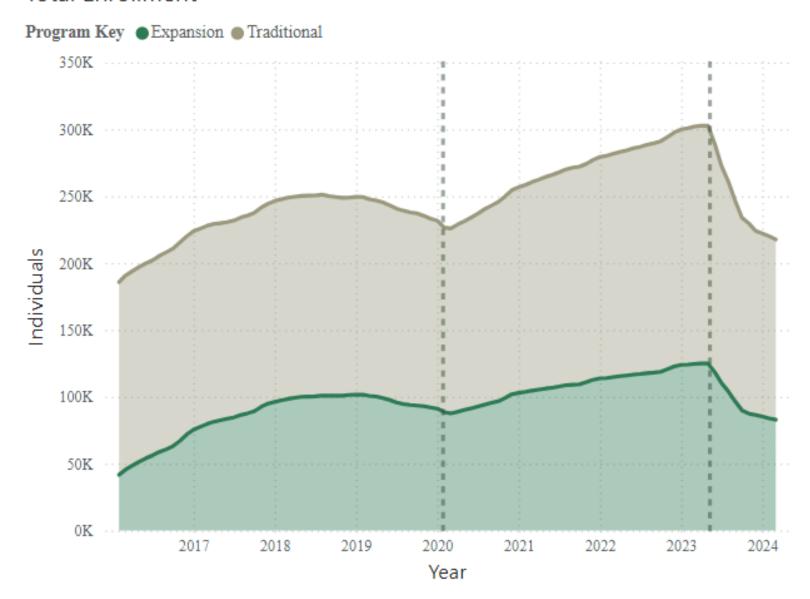
August 2018 – 251,243 enrollees

March 2020 – 225,964 enrollees

April 2023 – 324,748 enrollees

March 2024 – 217,839 enrollees

#### **Total Enrollment**



# Trends from the PHE

#### Traditional:

**August 2018** – 150,173 enrollees

March 2020 – 138,343 enrollees

**April 2023** – 177,777 enrollees

March 2024 – 134,899 enrollees

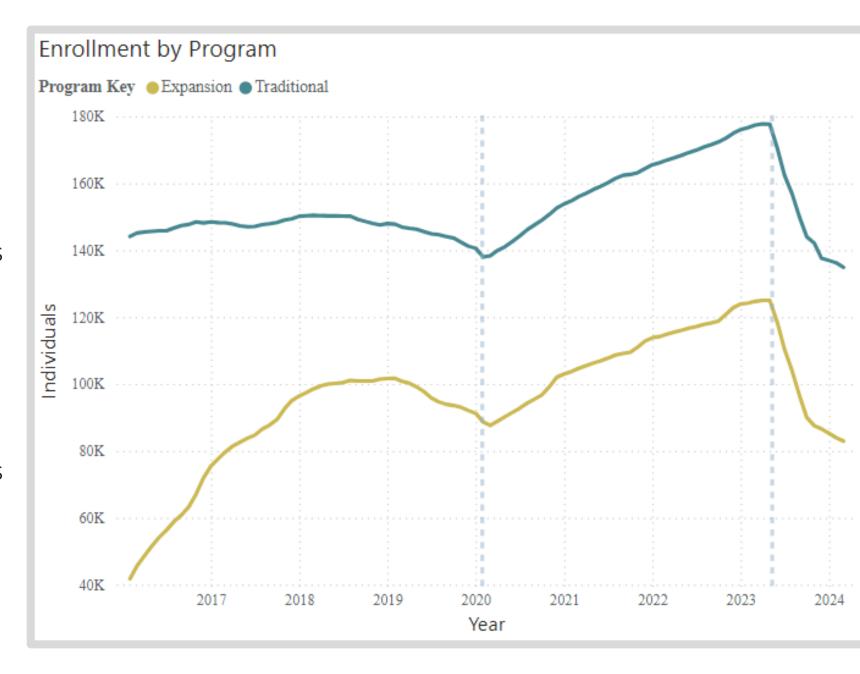
#### **Expansion:**

**August 2018** – 101,070 enrollees

March 2020 – 87,621 enrollees

**April 2023** – 125,034 enrollees

March 2024 – 82,940 enrollees



## Redetermination process

#### STEP 1

One month prior
to
redetermination
month,
Montana's
eligibility system
will attempt to
automatically
renew Medicaid
benefits for the
individual

#### STEP 2A

If auto renewal is successful, individual will receive a written notice confirming ongoing eligibility

(END)

#### STEP 2B

If auto renewal is not successful, individual will receive a renewal packet in the mail due the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month – aka redetermination month

A reminder notice will be sent on the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the due date

#### STEP 3A

If the renewal packet has been received, it will be reviewed and processed by an eligibility worker – additional information may be requested

#### STEP 3B

If the renewal packet has not been received by the due date, Medicaid coverage will close effective the end of the month. Client will receive a written notice confirming this closure and may need to reapply.

(END)

#### STEP 4

Upon final processing of the renewal packet and any requested documentation, the client will be mailed a written determination

<sup>\*</sup>https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/hcsd/MedicaidRenewals/WebsiteMedicaidChangesCommunityDeck.pdf

# Retroactive Eligibility

Why March Data?

**Normal Process** 

September 2023
Coverage Starts

Medicaid
Application
Submitted
December 2023

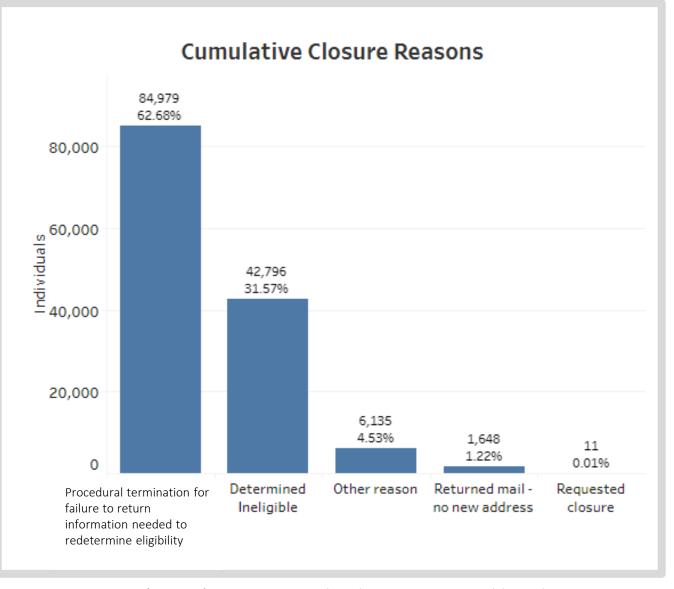
# What this means for Redetermination?

Redetermination



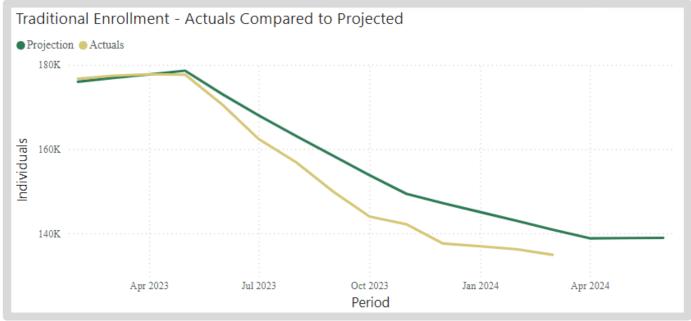
### Redetermination

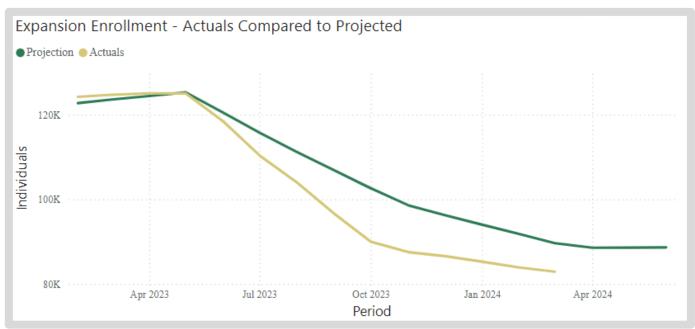
- Procedural termination for failure to return information needed to redetermine eligibility
- Determined ineligible (Change in circumstances such as an increase in income or assets above the eligibility threshold)
- A member is now deceased or no longer in the household (primary reasons for closure in the "Other reason" category on the department redetermination dashboard)
- Returned mail without a new address
- Requested closure



<sup>\*</sup>From the Departmental Redetermination Dashboard

### Projection Comparison





Enrollees below Original Projection (March 2024)

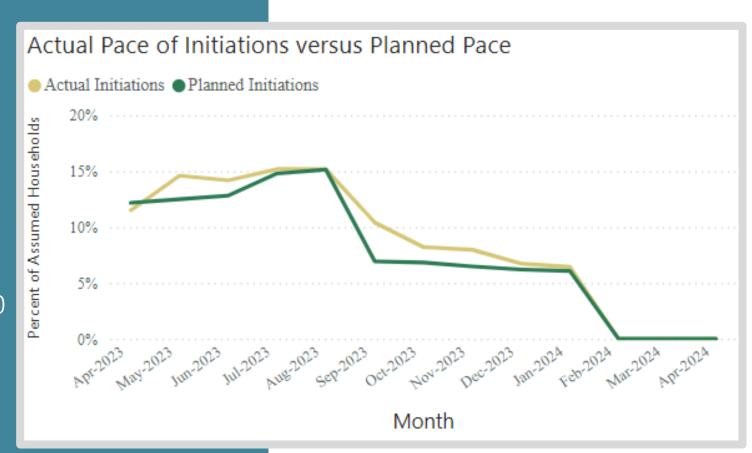
Traditional: 5,960

Expansion: 6,718

**Total:** 12,678

### Renewal Initiation Pace

- From the department's draft plan submitted in February 2023 to CMS
  - Original projected household caseload: 160,000
  - Actual household caseload: 176,000



# Redetermination: Demographic Changes April 2023 to March 2024

		April 2023	March 2024	Difference	
Traditional	Males	82,402	61,901	(20,501)	
	Females	95,375	72,998	(22,377)	
	Children	110,354	85,272	(25,082)	
	Adults	56,964	40,958	(16,006)	
	Seniors	10,459	8,669	(1,790)	
	AIAN	35,303	28,431	(6,872)	
Expansion	Males	60,709	39,794	(20,915)	
	Females	64,325	43,146	(21,179)	
	Children	-	-	-	
	Adults	121,303	82,113	(39,190)	
	Seniors	3,731	827	(2,904)	
	AIAN	20,091	13,684	(6,407)	
Traditional and Expansion	Males	143,111	101,695	(41,416)	
	Females	159,700	116,144	(43,556)	
	Children	110,354	85,272	(25,082)	
	Adults	178,267	123,071	(55,196)	
	Seniors	14,190	9,496	(4,694)	
	AIAN	55,394	42,115	(13,279)	

### Annual Renewal Process

#### Individuals are granted 12 months of Medicaid Coverage

If in that time the department receives information that indicates a member had a change in circumstances, they are required to re-assess if the member still qualifies

The department may send a request for further information from the member in order to retain coverage

If found ineligible, DPHHS must terminate their coverage



# Literature Review

Review of Research on Medicaid Expansion Impact

Prepared for the Modernization and Risk Analysis Committee, January 2024