

REFORMING MEDICAID IN LOUISIANA



MEDICAID ENROLLMENT

in Louisiana has blown past initial projections



306,000
Original Projection

450,610
Actual Enrollment
(as of Nov. 2017)

ENROLLMENT

has also exceeded projections in most states that embraced Obamacare

Kentucky

134%
over projections



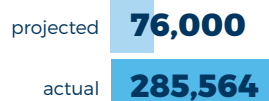
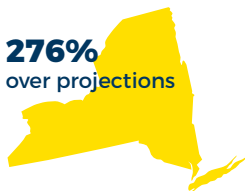
Illinois

90%
over projections



New York

276%
over projections



MEDICAID SPENDING

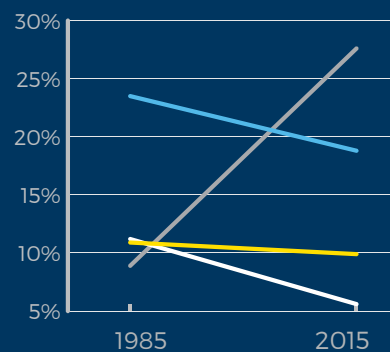
in Louisiana is 20% higher for expansion enrollees

\$5,575 non-expansion enrollees

\$6,712 expansion enrollees

RISING MEDICAID SPENDING

over the past 30 years has crowded out other Louisiana priorities



- Medicaid
- K-12 Education
- Higher Education
- Transportation

Medicaid spending **MORE THAN TRIPLED** as a share of the state budget

OBAMACARE

encourages Louisiana to prioritize the able-bodied over the most vulnerable



LA receives a **94% Match** to cover Obamacare expansion



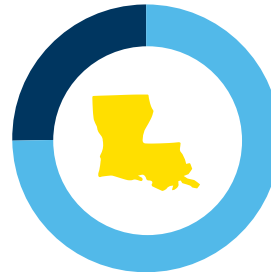
but only receives a **63.7% Match** to cover individuals with disabilities

More than **640,000 individuals with disabilities on waiting lists** nationwide—including **62,828 in Louisiana**

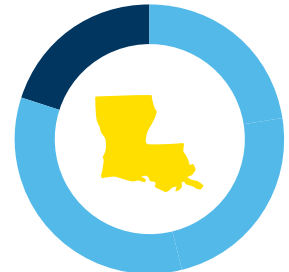
A seven-year waiting list for Louisianans with disabilities to get evaluated for personal care needs

Most Obamacare EXPANSION ENROLLEES COULD WORK, or prepare for work

Projected expansion population:



74.9% working age adults without dependent children



87.6% prime working age (19-54 years of age)

Most Medicaid enrollees DO NOT WORK FULL TIME



52% not working

32% part time

16% full time

The Congressional Budget Office thinks Medicaid expansion **will reduce incentives to work**, and Obamacare will reduce the labor force by the equivalent of **2.4 million workers nationwide**

TO REFORM THE PROGRAM, Louisiana lawmakers should unwind expansion by freezing eligibility

If implemented nationwide, could save states **\$56-64 billion** within a decade, and save the federal government **\$581-668 billion**

AFTER WINDING DOWN EXPANSION, Louisiana should submit a comprehensive waiver to reform Medicaid that could:

- Add consumer-driven options
- Increase wellness incentives
- Increase access to home-based care for chronically ill
- Crack down on fraudulent scam artists

