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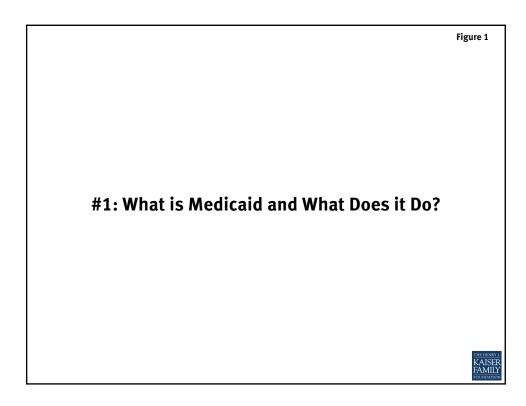
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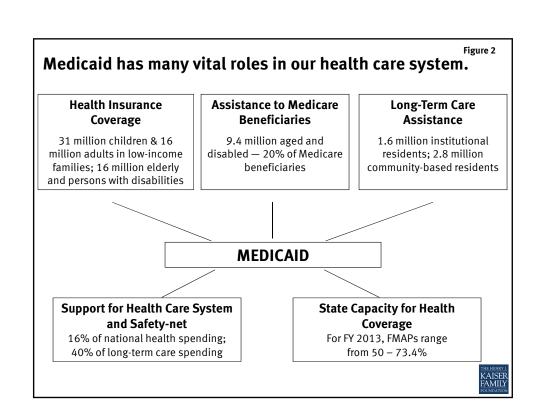
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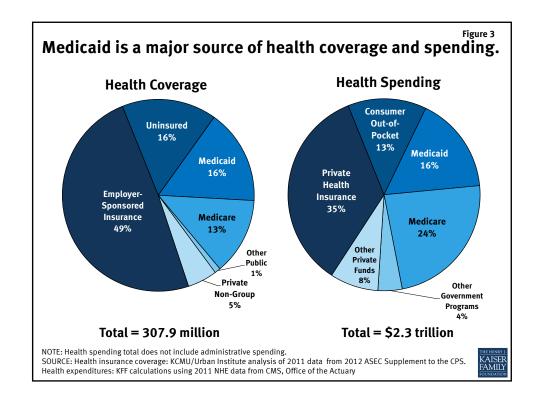


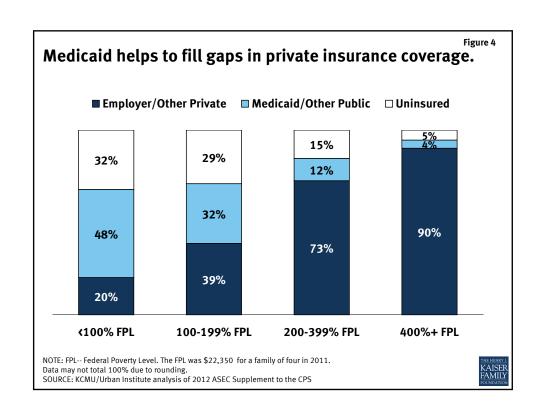
# Medicaid and its Role in State/Federal Budgets & Health Reform

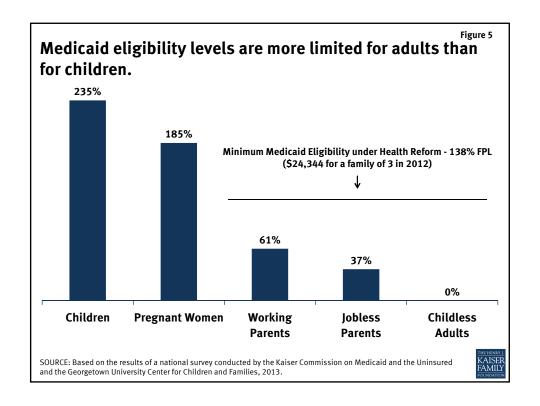
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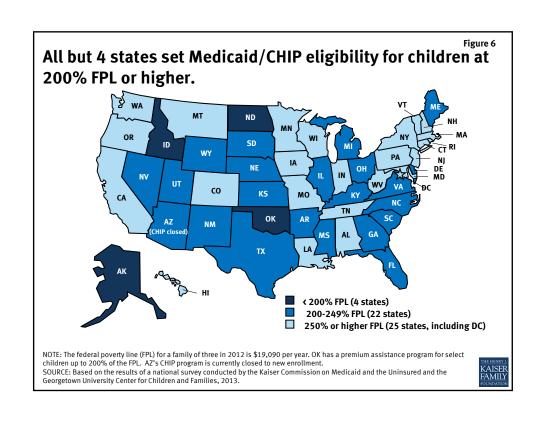


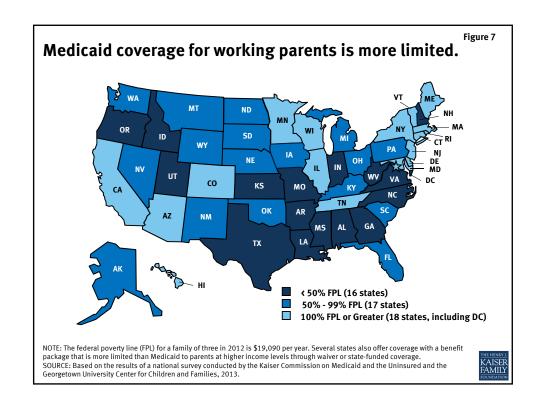


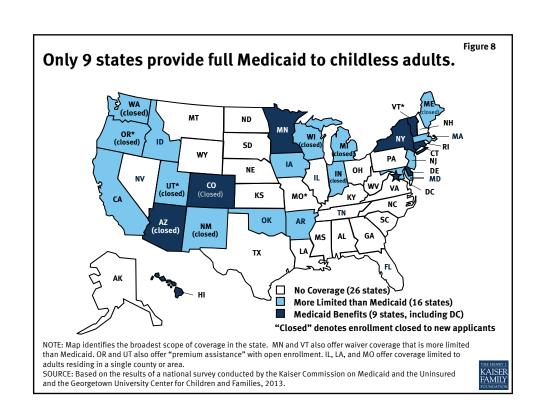


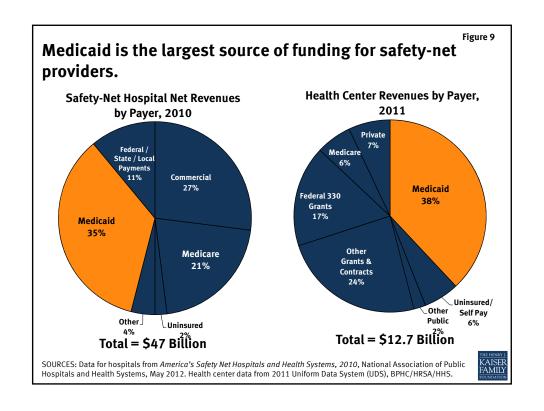


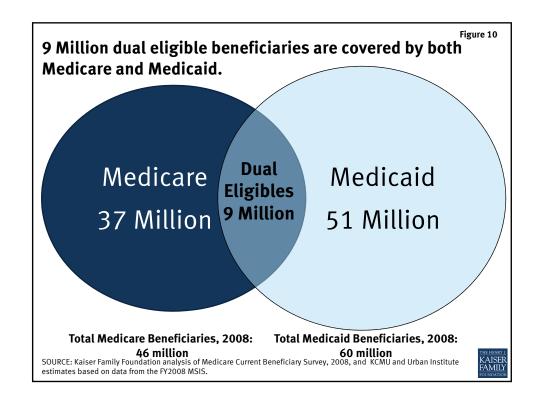








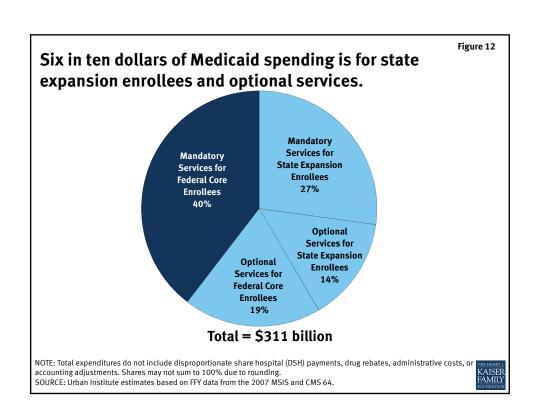


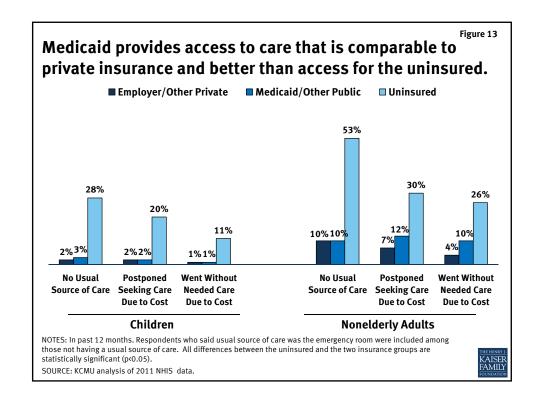


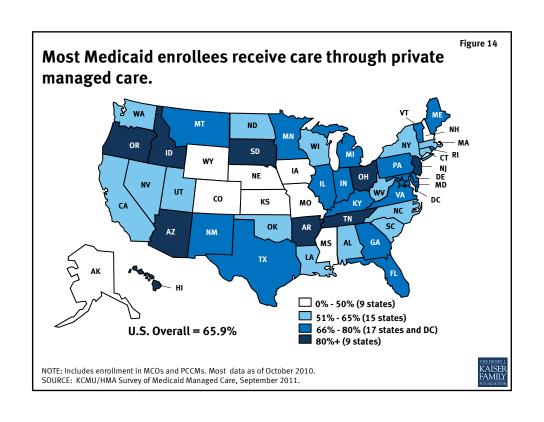
# Medicaid provides benefits to reflect the needs of the population it serves.

Low-Income Families	<ul> <li>Pregnant Women: Pre-natal care and delivery costs</li> <li>Children: Routine and specialized care for childhood development (immunizations, dental, vision, speech therapy)</li> <li>Families: Affordable coverage to prepare for the unexpected (emergency dental, hospitalizations, antibiotics)</li> </ul>
Individuals with Disabilities	Autistic Child: In-home therapy, speech/occupational therapy     Cerebral Palsy: Assistance to gain independence (personal care, case management and assistive technology)     HIV/AIDS: Physician services, prescription drugs     Mental Illness: Prescription drugs, physicians services
Elderly Individuals	<ul> <li>Medicare beneficiary: help paying for Medicare premiums and cost sharing</li> <li>Community Waiver Participant: community based care and personal care</li> <li>Nursing Home Resident: care paid by Medicaid since Medicare does not cover institutional care</li> </ul>







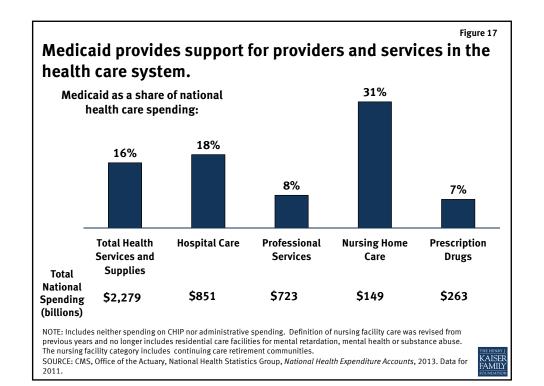


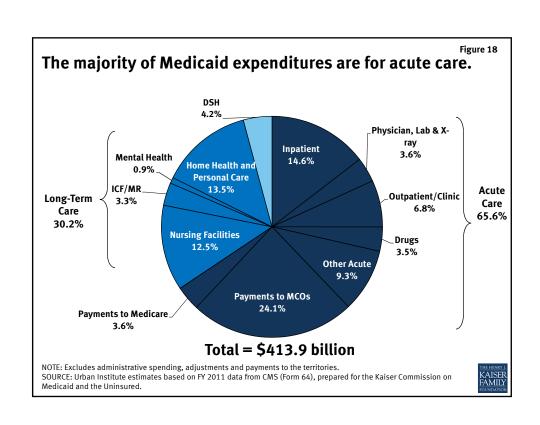
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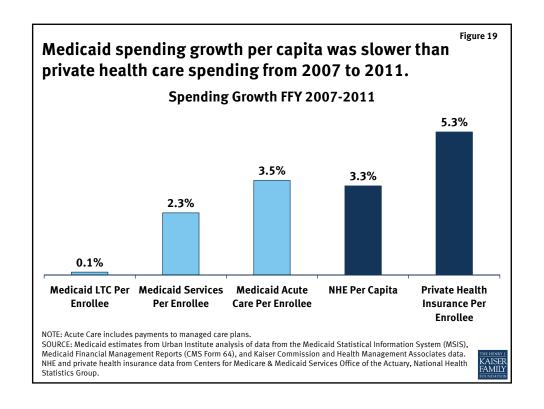
- Medicaid is the nation's primary health insurance program for Americans with low incomes and significant health care needs.
- Medicaid increases access to care and limits out-of-pocket burdens for low-income people.
- Medicaid is the largest source of funding for safety-net providers and the dominant payer for long-term care. Medicaid also helps to make Medicare work for low-income elderly and disabled beneficiaries.
- Medicaid provides an entitlement to coverage for individuals eligible for the program.
   Medicaid also guarantees federal matching payments to states with no cap in order to meet program needs.
- States administer Medicaid within broad federal rules.
- Although Medicaid is publicly financed, the program purchases health services primarily in the private sector.

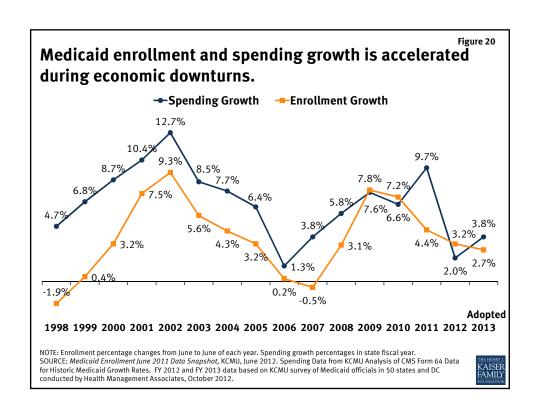


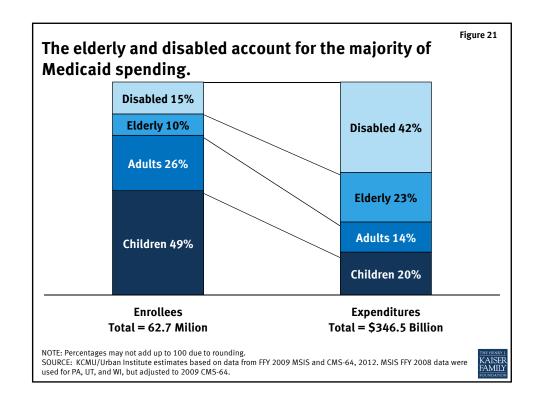
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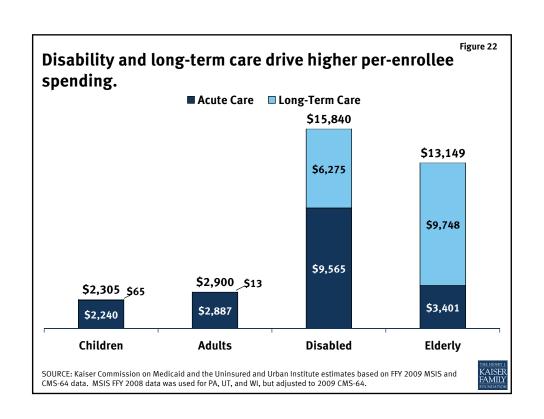


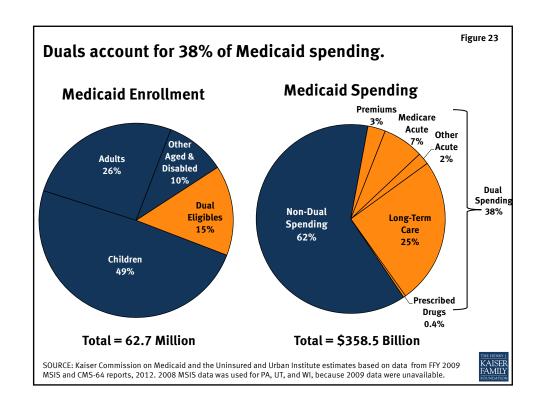


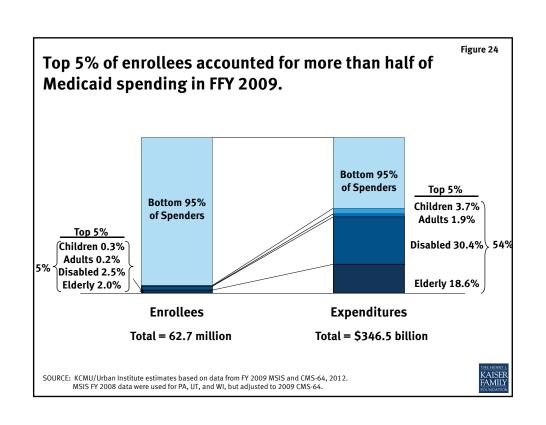












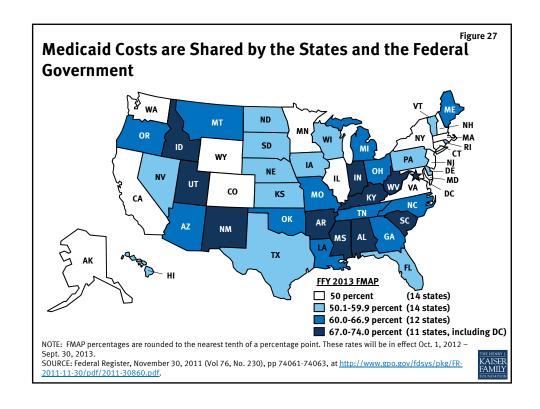
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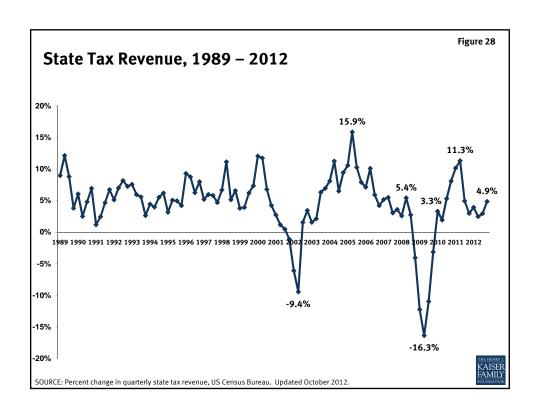
- Medicaid accounts for about one sixth of total health care spending in the country.
- On a per enrollee basis, Medicaid spending is growing more slowly than premiums for employer-sponsored insurance or national health care spending. However it is subject to same market pressures as other payers.
- Enrollment is the dominant driver in Medicaid spending, especially during periods of economic downturn.
- The elderly and disabled account for the majority of Medicaid spending.
- Medicaid spending is concentrated among a small number of beneficiaries with complex health care needs.
- States have a strong incentive to manage Medicaid cost growth.

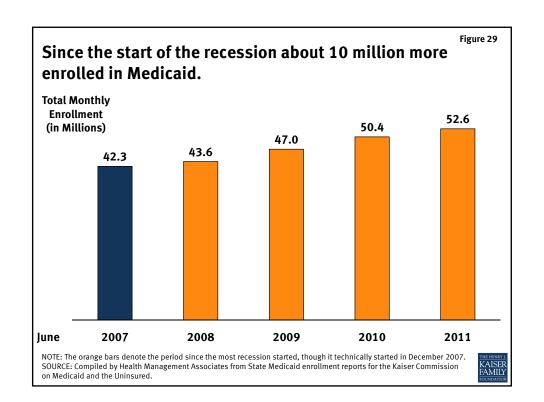


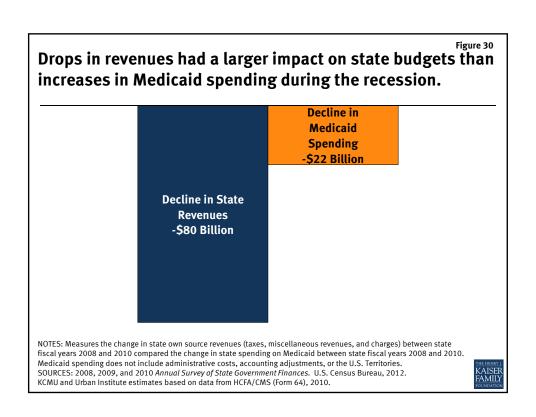
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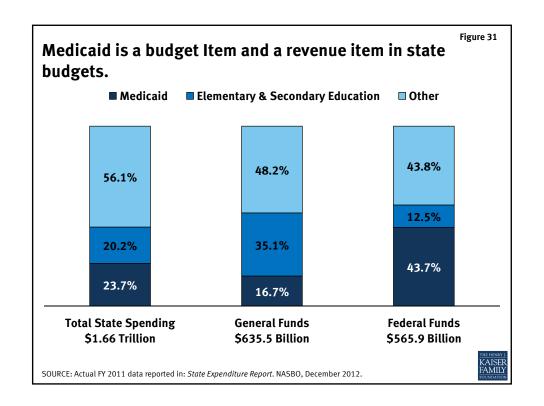
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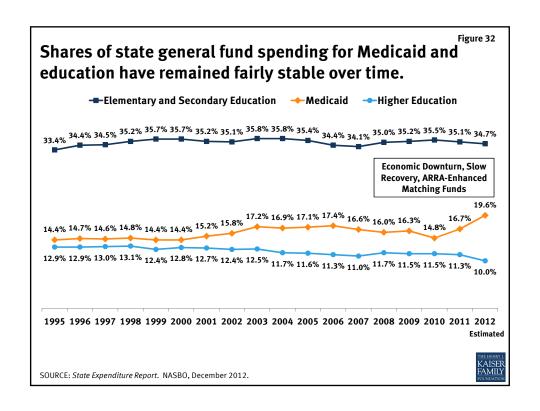


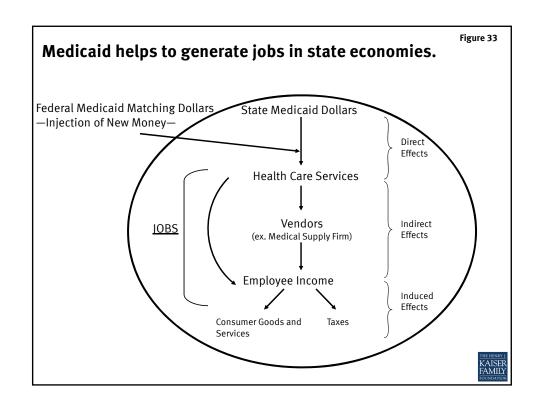


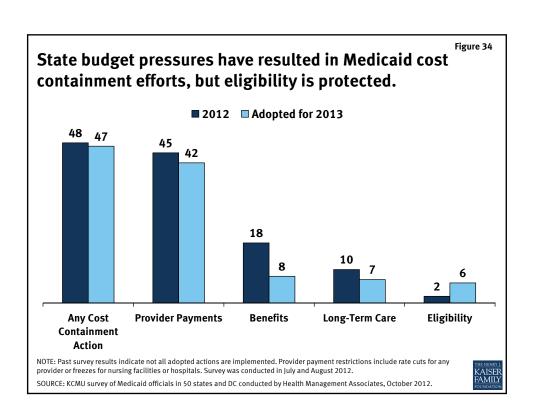


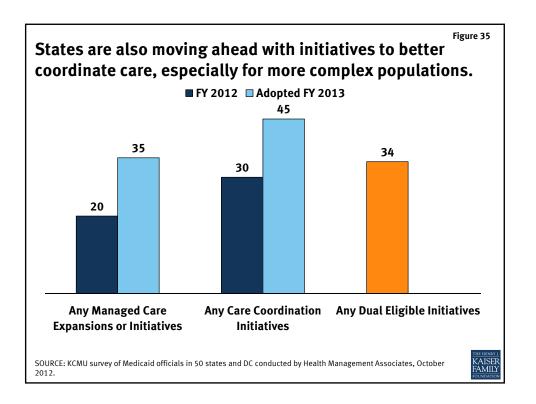












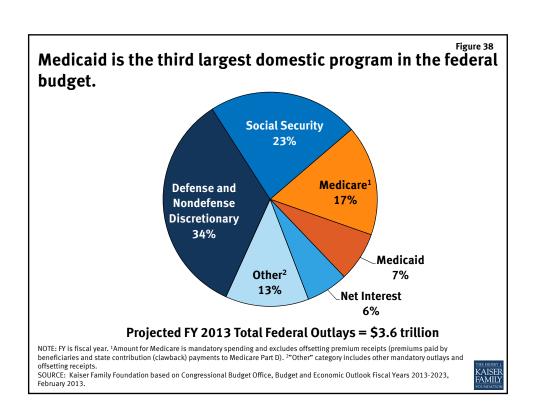
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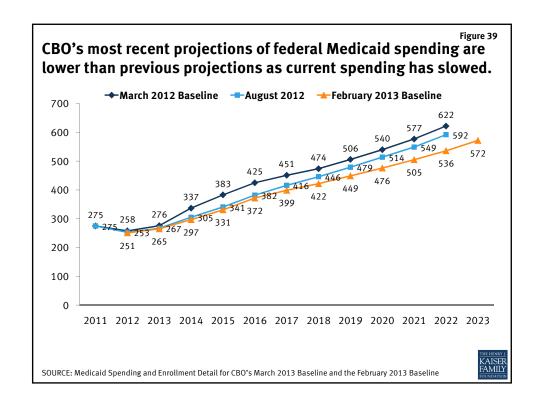
- The Medicaid program is jointly funded by states and the federal government.
- Medicaid is a counter-cyclical program; during economic downturns, individuals lose
  jobs, incomes drop, state revenues decline, and more individuals qualify and enroll
  in Medicaid which increases spending.
- Medicaid is the largest source of federal revenue for states. Medicaid funds support health care providers, jobs and state economies overall.
- Due to budget pressures over the last decade, states have adopted an array of cost containment measures.

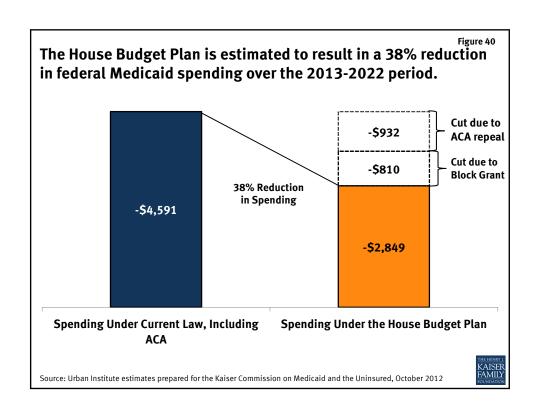


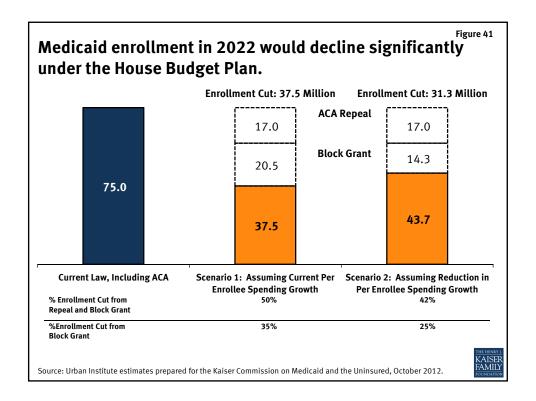
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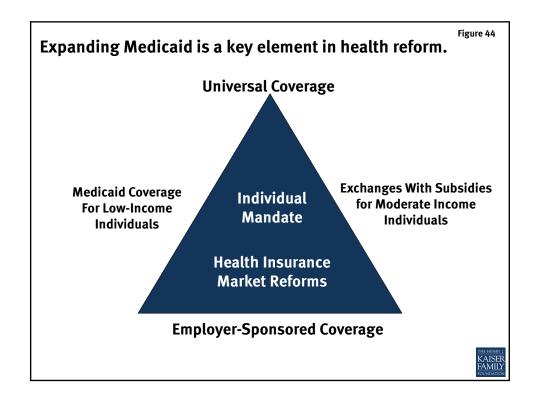
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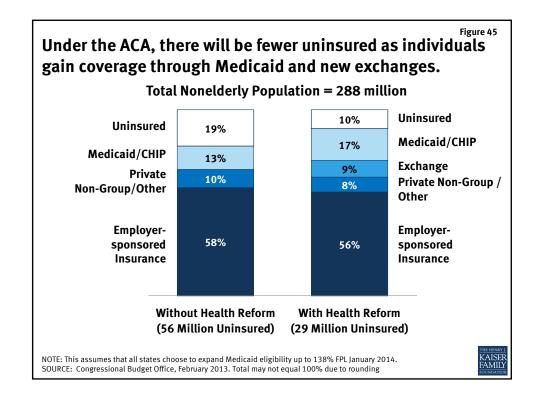
- Medicaid is the third-largest domestic program in the federal budget.
- Medicaid is exempt from automatic budget reductions; however Medicaid continues to be discussed as part of federal deficit reduction efforts.
- Leading budget proposals for FFY 2014 released by the Administration and House Republicans take fundamentally different approaches to Medicaid spending.
- The FMAP formula that determines the federal share of Medicaid spending has remained steady since the start of the program; Congress has only amended the formula to provide more federal funding, not less.

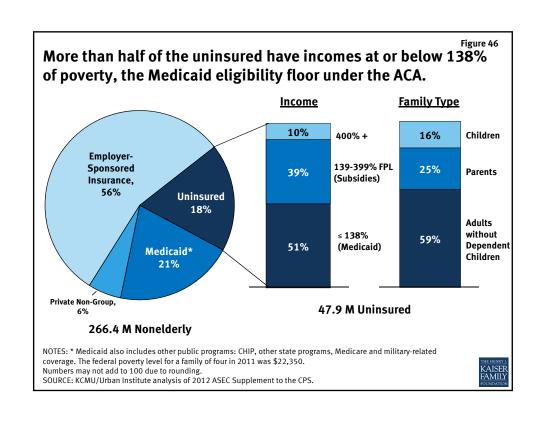


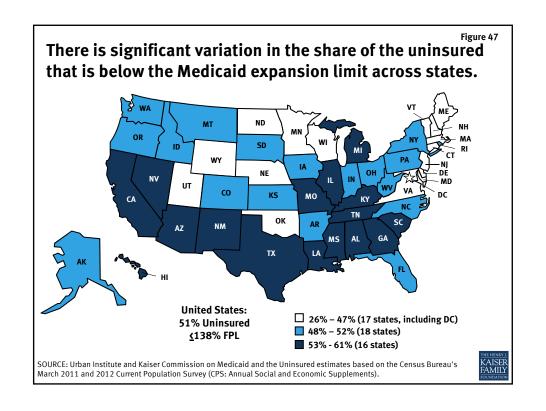
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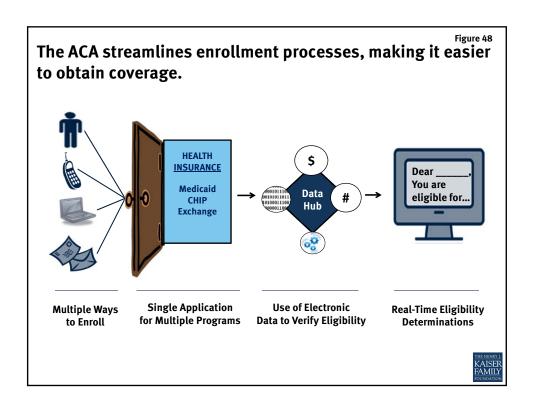


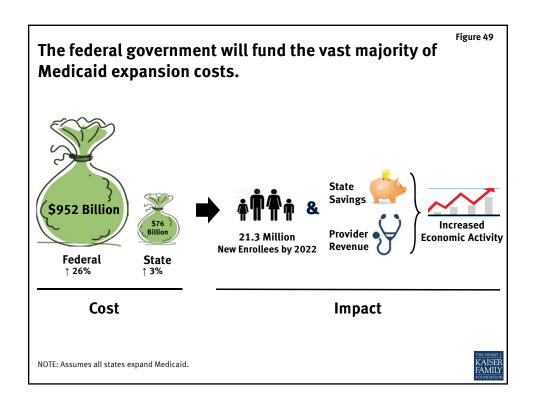












## #5: What is Medicaid's role in health reform? Answers

- Health reform builds on Medicaid as a base of coverage for low-income Americans.
- As they plan their FY 2014 budgets, states are debating whether to adopt the Medicaid expansion.
- The Federal Government will finance over 90% of the cost of the Medicaid expansion in new states; overall, many states are likely to see net savings from the Medicaid expansion.
- The Medicaid expansion would significantly reduce the uninsured and increase
  access to care.
- The ACA provides new options to expand community-based long-term care and to coordinate care for high cost populations.





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