

# MEDICAID EXPANSION IN ALASKA

Good for Alaskans and Alaska's Economy



## THE STATE OF ALASKA HAS DEFERRED ITS DECISION ON MEDICAID EXPANSION.

For Alaskans, the choice is already clear: A modest investment to expand Medicaid coverage would improve access to health care for more than 41,000 Alaskans while boosting the economy for all regions of Alaska.

Comprehensive independent studies of Medicaid expansion project that a State of Alaska net expenditure of \$23.4 million over the next seven years would yield approximately \$1.1 billion in new federal revenue for Alaska.

**Please contact your Legislators and the Governor's office to let them know you support Medicaid expansion in Alaska.**

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

### MEDICAID EXPANSION FOR ALASKANS MEANS ...

- Coverage for more than 41,000 uninsured
- Health care for individuals with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. That's ...
  - \$19,803 a year for an individual (\$9.52 per hour)
  - \$40,627 a year for a head of four person household (\$19.53 per hour)

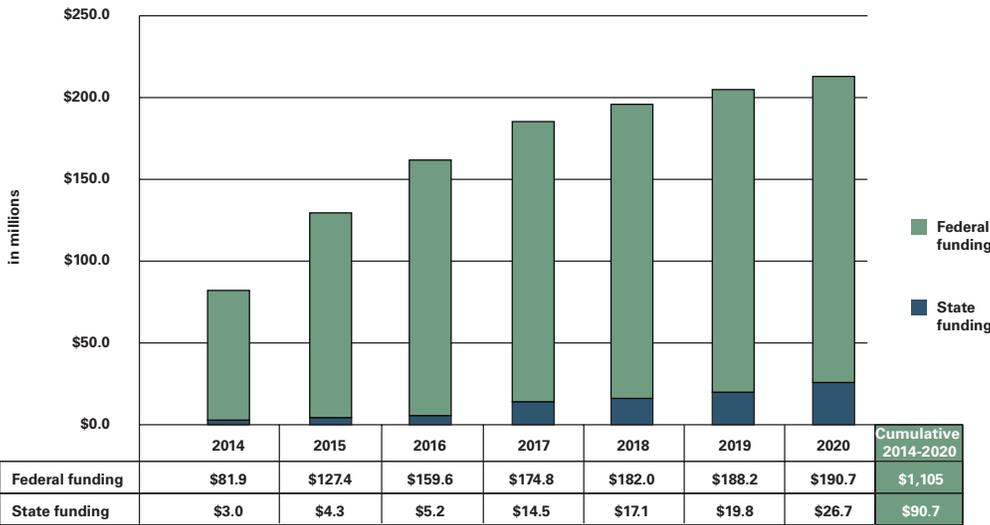
### MEDICAID EXPANSION FOR ALASKA'S ECONOMY MEANS ...

- \$1.1 billion in new federal revenue
- 4,000 new jobs
- An additional \$1.2 billion more in Alaskan salaries and wages
- Increased economic activity of \$2.49 billion

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Funding of Alaska's Medicaid Expansion Option  
2014 - 2020



Source: The Urban Institute: Medicaid in Alaska under the ACA

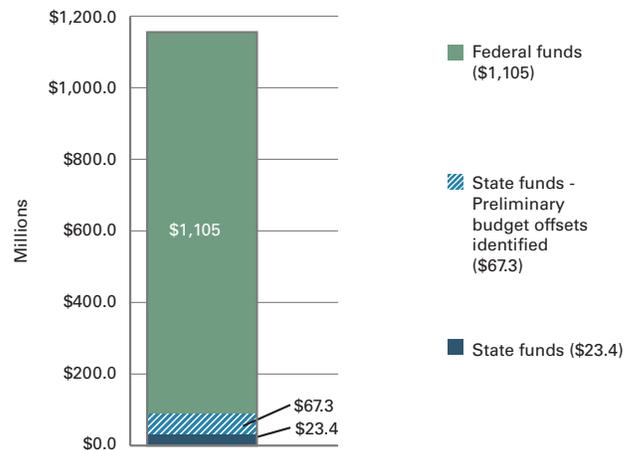
While state expenditures for Medicaid would increase by 2 percent to support Medicaid expansion, the additional \$90.7 million over seven years would be largely offset by at least **\$67.3 million in savings** to the state budget.

By 2020, each \$1 million the State of Alaska invests in Medicaid expansion is expected to generate **\$28 million in additional economic activity** due to leveraging Federal Medicaid expenditures and the multiplier effects in the state's economy.

These results are consistent with the findings of some of the nation's most fiscally conservative and pro-business Republican governors in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and North Dakota who have opted into Medicaid expansion.

State and Federal Funding for Alaska's Medicaid Expansion (2014 - 2020; millions)

-- with preliminary budget offsets --



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