

Alternative Medicaid Expansion Features Proposed to CMS, as of February 2019

Most of the 36 states and the District of Columbia that have implemented Medicaid expansion have done so simply by raising the eligibility level to 138 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) (\$35,535 for a family of four in 2019) as envisioned by the ACA. However, eight states (AZ, AR, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, NH) have implemented Medicaid expansion under Section 1115 demonstration waivers. These states have proposed a variety of approaches, only some of which have been approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

APPROVED	NOT YET APPROVED/DENIED
Allowing “private option,” which is the use of Medicaid funds to purchase private insurance coverage for newly eligible residents (AR, NH)	Block grants
Work requirement and referral programs (AZ, AR, IN, KY, MI, NH)	Partial expansion to 100 percent of FPL (AR, MA)
Cost sharing that is higher than allowed under Medicaid law (KY)	Asset test (counting assets in addition to income when determining eligibility)
Health savings accounts for enrollees	No coverage for EPSDT (early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment for conditions that can affect development)
Lock-out periods for non-payment of premiums, non-renewal filing, failure to report work hours (AZ, AR, IN, KY, MI, MT, NM)	Lock-out periods for nonpayment of premiums for enrollees below 100 percent of FPL
No coverage for non-emergency medical transportation (IA, IN, KY)	Adoption of closed prescription drug formularies (MA)
Premium payments required for some enrollees (AZ, AR, IA, IN, KY, MT, NM)	Drug screening and testing as condition of coverage (WI)
No coverage for costs incurred three months prior to Medicaid eligibility (AZ, AR, IA, IN, KY, NH, NM)	Time limits on number of months individuals are eligible for coverage

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