

# Initiative 427: Bringing Medicaid Expansion to Nebraska

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## What is Initiative 427?

Initiative 427 is a ballot initiative to expand Medicaid coverage to people under 65 with incomes at or below **138%** of the federal poverty level, starting in 2020. It is intended to close the 'coverage gap' for people who cannot afford health insurance on their own, but currently do not qualify for Medicaid.

## Who would benefit?

### Hard-working Nebraskans



If Initiative 427 passes, up to **90,000** Nebraskans would gain coverage.

As of 2016, **161,000** people in Nebraska were uninsured.

If Initiative 427 passes, many of the estimated **21,000** or more people with mental illness or substance use disorder in Nebraska who have incomes below 138% of the federal poverty level and are uninsured would gain access to critical community-based services and supports.

### Critical Access Hospitals and Rural Communities

It is projected that Medicaid expansion would bring nearly **\$600 million** in new federal funds to Nebraska per year. It would generate an estimated **\$1.3 billion** in economic activity and would create almost **11,000** new jobs.



Medicaid expansion has also been shown to be particularly beneficial in rural communities, which make up almost **35%** of Nebraska's population.



Not only does it help more residents in rural areas gain health coverage, but Medicaid expansion also provides much-needed funds to the **64** critical access hospitals in Nebraska, which provide the only source of hospital care in the rural areas where they operate.

**On November 6, support  
your fellow Nebraskans and  
vote YES on Initiative 427!**