

TEXAS DEMOCRATS

Expand Medicaid Now!

Texas Democratic Party

- With North Carolinian lawmakers recently striking an historic bipartisan deal to expand Medicaid, N.C. will soon become the 40th state to have expanded Medicaid — including every single state bordering Texas.
- Texas will soon be one of just ten states in the entire country that refuses to allow access to basic healthcare for its most vulnerable populations.
- The Kaiser Family Foundation projects that, if Texas were to expand Medicaid, healthcare would become accessible to nearly a million and a half more Texans.
- KFF also notes that, in the other states that have passed it, Medicaid expansion is associated with:
 - o Greater access to healthcare
 - o Decreased uncompensated care costs
 - o Reduced medical debt
 - o Improved affordability of care
 - o Increased utilization of care
 - o Increased coverage
- Additionally, KFF reports that the federal government would be paying most of the cost of the ACA Medicaid expansion: 90% in FY 2021 and beyond — meaning that the State of Texas would only have to pay 10¢ to the dollar to bring life-saving healthcare to its neediest residents.
- With the historic budget surplus we're seeing this legislative session, there's never been a better time to do what's right and expand Medicaid in Texas.