

# MEDICAID: What It Brings to Kentucky

## Improved Access to Health Care

Medicaid provided health care coverage to 1,220,788 adults and children in Kentucky, an increase of 613,983 since 2013.

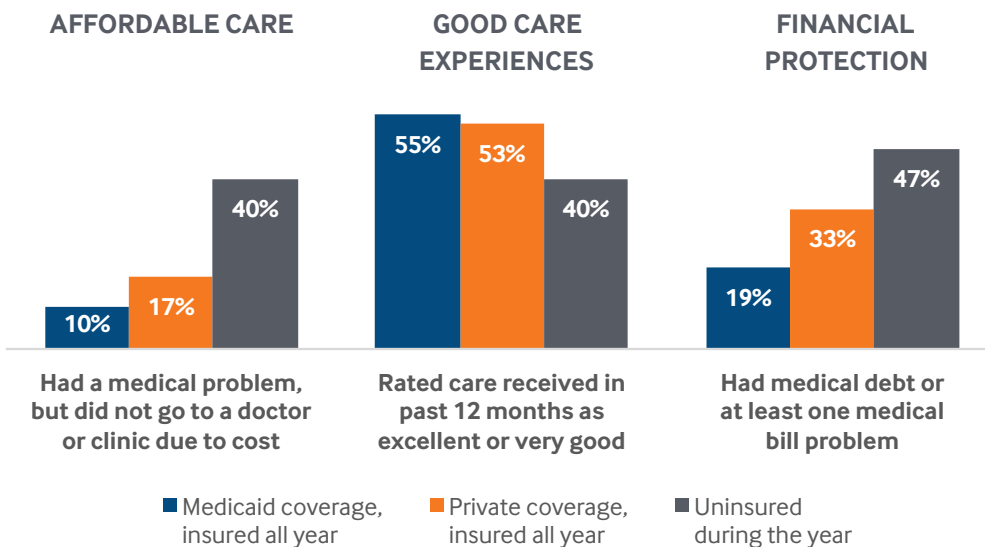
### Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Enrollment



Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Medicaid enables people to get needed health care, just like private insurance.

Continuously insured adults with Medicaid report they have



Source: The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey, 2014.

Losing Medicaid would make it hard for people to get health care, and increase their risk of medical debt if they were to get sick.

## Federal Dollars and Jobs

The federal government provided \$8 billion or 80% of the funding for people covered by Medicaid in Kentucky.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation.

*Reduced Medicaid funding would mean that hospitals would have to absorb a lot of the cost of care for uninsured people.*

Losing federal dollars would also impact states' economies. A repeal of the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion alone could lead to a loss of 31,000 jobs in Kentucky in 2019.

Source: L. Ku, E. Steinmetz, E. Brantley et al., *Repealing Federal Health Reform: Economic and Employment Consequences for States*, The Commonwealth Fund, January 2017.

