



Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment

National and State Trends



Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission

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Overview

- Changes in Medicaid and CHIP enrollment
- Changes in insurance and employment
- Factors affecting enrollment
- Next steps

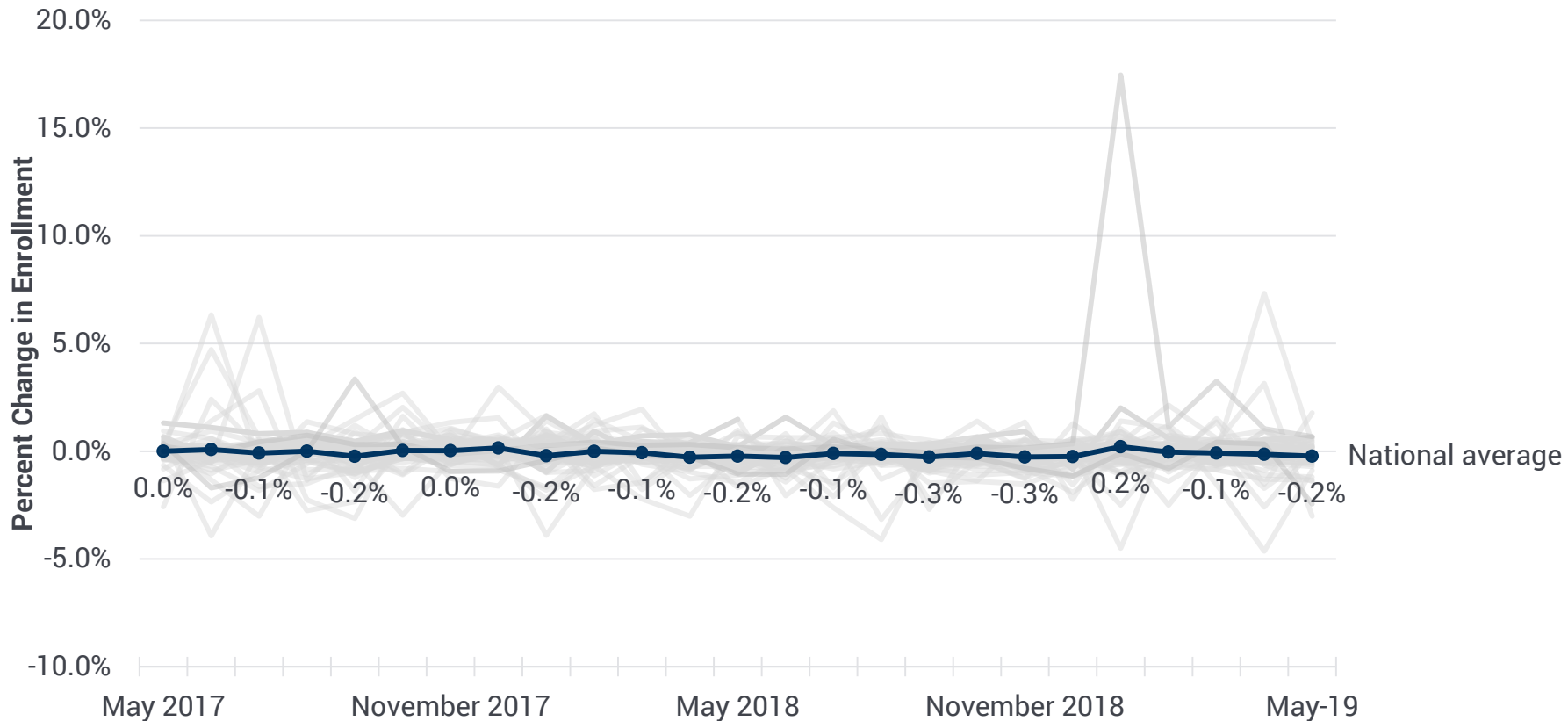
Changes in Enrollment, May 2017–May 2019

- Total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment has declined by approximately 1.9 million (2.5 percent)
 - Almost 930,000 children (2.6 percent)
 - About 787,000 adults (2.2 percent)
- Variation across states
 - 15 states reported enrollment increases
 - 35 states and the District of Columbia reported enrollment declines

Notes: Child enrollment is not reported in Arizona, the District of Columbia, and Tennessee. Due to a methodological change in Texas, baseline data are reported from June 2017.

Source: MACPAC analysis of CMS monthly Medicaid & CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment reports and data.

State Variability in Enrollment, May 2017–May 2019



Source: MACPAC analysis of CMS monthly Medicaid & CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment reports and data.

States with Largest Declines in Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment, May 2017–May 2019

Percent decline in total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment		Percent decline in child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment		Percent decline in adult Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	
State	Change (%)	State	Change (%)	State	Change (%)
Missouri	-12.6%	Missouri	-15.1%	Wyoming	-17.7%
Mississippi	-9.2%	Utah	-11.4%	Illinois	-11.0%
Illinois	-8.6%	Colorado	-9.5%	Massachusetts	-10.7%
Colorado	-8.5%	Mississippi	-8.6%	Vermont	-10.5%
Wyoming	-8.5%	Louisiana	-8.6%	Arkansas	-9.8%
Vermont	-8.0%	New Mexico	-8.2%	Colorado	-9.4%
Arkansas	-7.5%	Idaho	-8.1%	Ohio	-8.6%
Idaho	-6.8%	Maine	-7.9%	Mississippi	-8.5%
New Mexico	-6.5%	Illinois	-6.3%	Washington	-7.8%
West Virginia	-5.7%	Texas	-6.2%	Missouri	-7.2%
United States	-2.5%	--	-2.6%	--	-2.2%

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Changes in Insurance

- Percentage of uninsured individuals increased nationally and in eight states between 2017 and 2018
- National data indicate:
 - percentage of individuals with Medicaid declined, with no significant change in percentage with private coverage
 - percentage of children with coverage and with Medicaid declined, with no significant change in percentage of children with private coverage

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 and 2018 1-Year American Community Surveys; Berchick, E.R., J.C. Barnett, and R.D. Upton. 2019. *Health insurance coverage in the United States: 2018*. Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau. <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2019/demo/p60-267.pdf>; and Berchick, E.R., and L. Mykyta. 2019. Children's public health insurance coverage lower than in 2017. Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau. <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2019/09/uninsured-rate-for-children-in-2018.html>.

Changes in Employment

- Between May 2017 and May 2019, all but seven states experienced an increase in the number of employed individuals
- Gains in employment do not necessarily align with declines in Medicaid and CHIP enrollment

Source: MACPAC analysis of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) monthly Medicaid & CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment reports and data; and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program.

Factors Affecting Enrollment

- Systems issues
- Eligibility process changes
- Economic conditions
- Federal policy changes

Next Steps

- Continue to monitor changes in enrollment and insurance coverage
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is also monitoring the changes
- Project examining the remaining risk points for states and individuals in the enrollment and renewal process
- Review of Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) findings at December meeting



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