

# Your Tax Dollars at Work: Journey of a **Medi-Cal Dollar**



**5.5 million** children are enrolled in Medi-Cal, which is **53%** of all Californians under **age 21**.<sup>1</sup>

**40% of births** are covered by Medi-Cal, helping kids get a healthy start.

Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid program, provides needed health care services for families with children, persons with disabilities, children in foster care, pregnant women and people with specific diseases.



## 01 | Federal Tax Dollars Collected

Every year, Californians make investments in the future by paying their taxes.



## 02 | State Funds and Federal Match

States report estimated expenditures to Medicaid and the federal government provides matching funds.



## 03 | Provider Funding

Medi-Cal providers get paid with a combination of federal and state funds.



## 04 | Services Rendered

Health care services including doctor visits, hospital care, mental health services, and prescription drugs are provided.



## 05 | Federal Returns

Investments in reliable health care unlock a better future for everyone.

<sup>1</sup> Children Now: <https://www.childrennow.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/medi-cal-onepager.v3.pdf>

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**Millions of Californians** will be affected when local doctor's offices, clinics, and hospitals are forced to close.

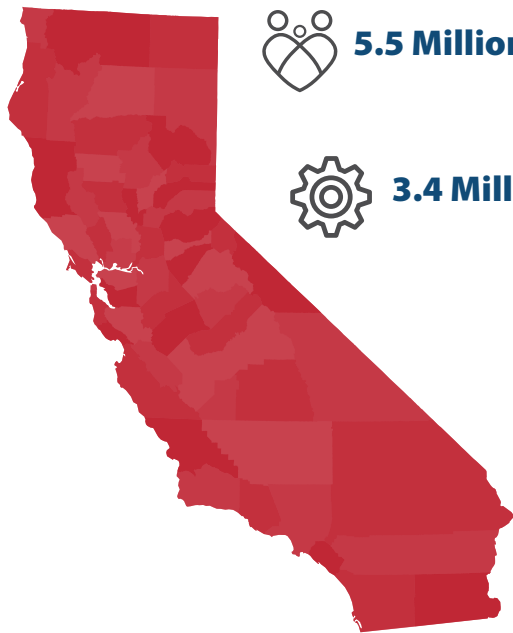
Of all types of health insurance, Medicaid is the most successful in reducing poverty rates. It is responsive to economic downturns, enables people to access coverage and care in times of financial stress, and helps parents go to work and contribute to the economy. Coverage throughout an individual's lifespan has been tied to economic mobility across generations, higher education, income and taxes.



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**Preventative care and wellness services**
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**Prescription drugs**
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**Outpatient behavioral health and lab services**
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**Maternity and newborn care**
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**Hospital stays**
-   
**Children's services, including vision and oral care**
-   
**Emergency services**
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**Physical and Occupational therapy**

## Californians Insured by Medi-Cal

According to the California Department of Health Care Services, there are approximately 300,000 Medi-Cal providers who serve the medically necessary needs of almost 15 million Californians.



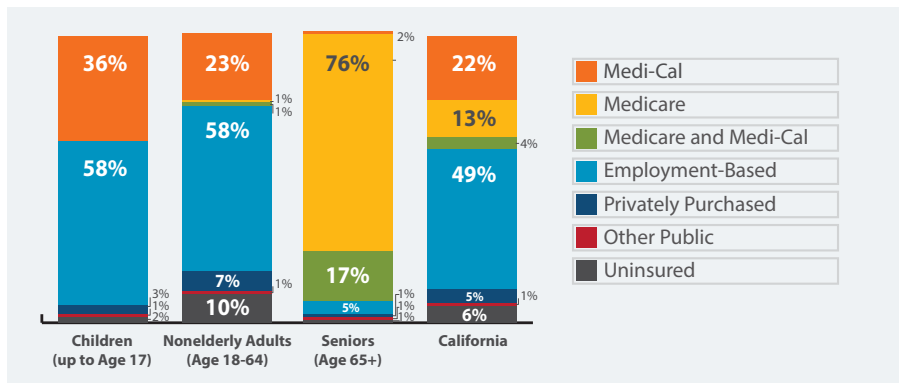
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**2.3 Million Seniors**



**3.4 Million Working Californians**



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