



Alabama Medicaid Program

Safeguarding Children's Health

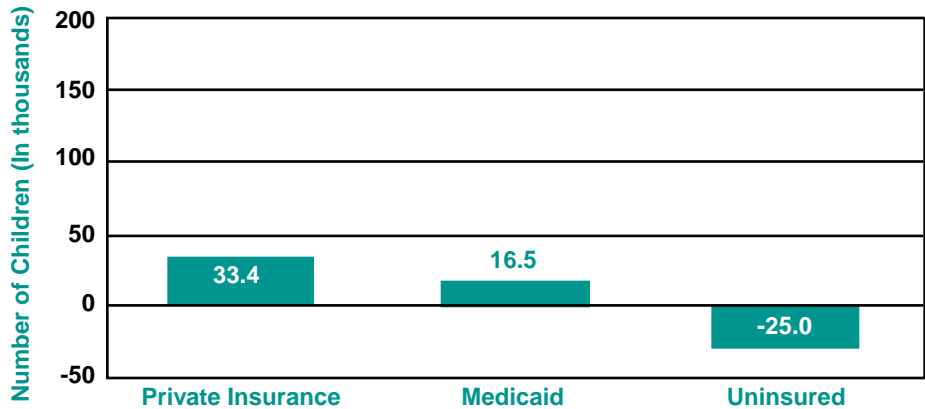
Medicaid Is the Health Care Safety Net for Children.

346,000 children under 21 in Alabama were covered by the Medicaid program in 1994.¹

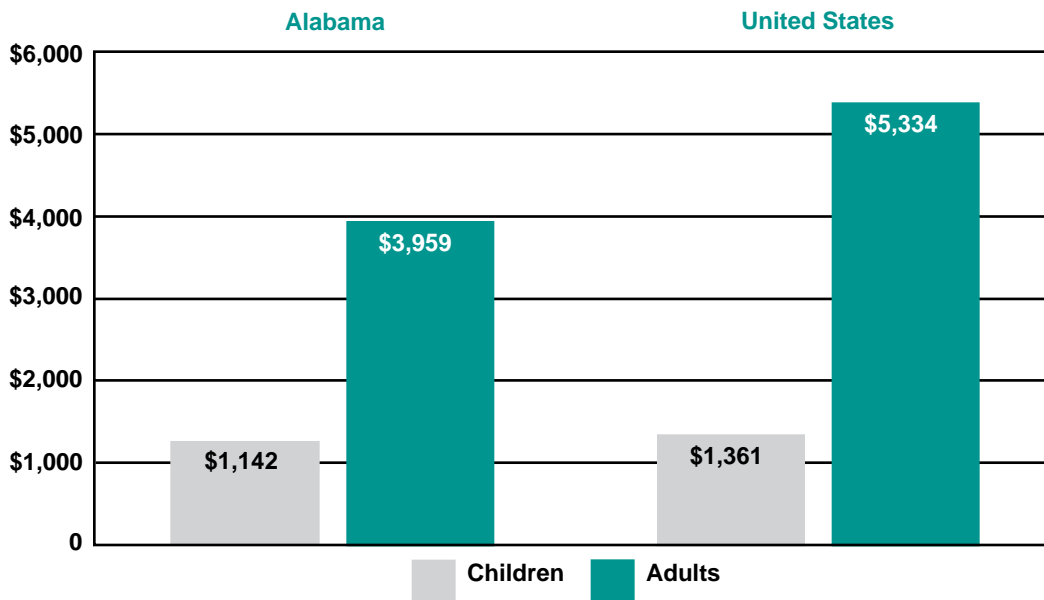
In 1993, 47% of births in Alabama were paid for by Medicaid.

Nationally, the majority of children receiving Medicaid live in a household where at least one parent works.²

Change in Health Care Coverage of Children Under 21 in Alabama from 1987 to 1993³



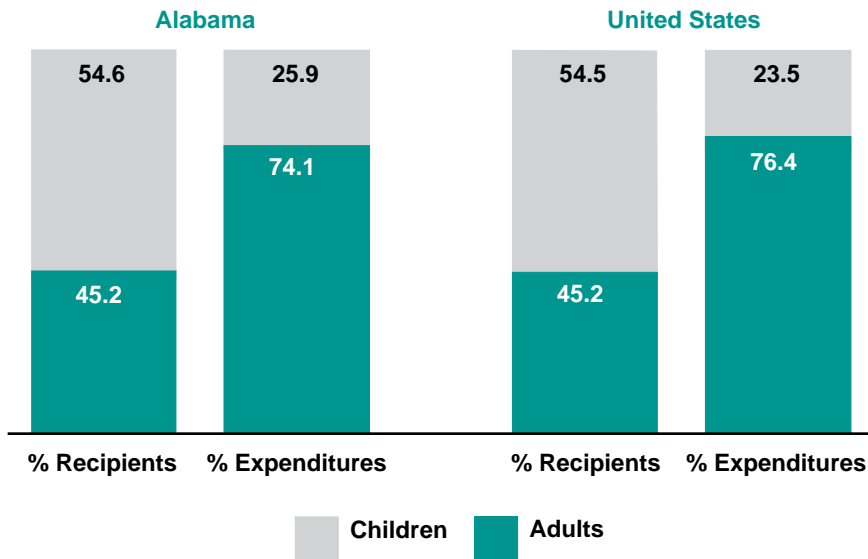
Average Annual Expenditure Per Medicaid Participant in 1994



Providing Health Care to Children Is Not Expensive. Providing health care to children costs a fraction of what it does for adults. In Alabama, Medicaid can insure three children for less than the cost of one adult.



Medicaid Expenditures for Adults and Children under 21 in 1994*



*(All totals do not add to 100% because age data was not available for some recipients.)

While most Medicaid recipients are children, they account for just one fourth of all Medicaid expenditures.

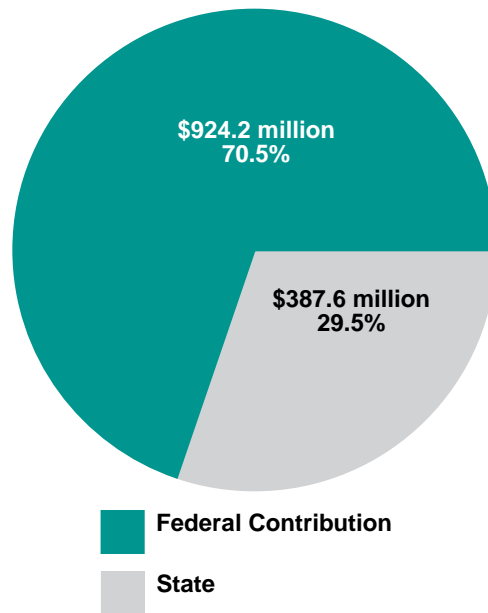
The average cost for Medicaid's preventive care program for children, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), is just \$124 a year in Alabama.

Funding Medicaid Is a State and Federal Partnership.

In Alabama over two thirds of the Medicaid program is paid for by the federal government.

In 1994 Alabama received an additional \$150 million from the federal government in disproportionate share (DSH) payments for hospitals serving a high percentage of poor and uninsured patients.

1994 Medicaid Funding* in Alabama



*Does not include disproportionate share (DSH) payments.

HELP CHILDREN IN ALABAMA GROW, STRENGTHEN MEDICAID FOR KIDS

¹ American Academy of Pediatrics, *Medicaid State Reports - FY 1994*. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics: 1996. Unless stated otherwise, all data are from this publication.

² General Accounting Office. *Health Insurance for Children: Private Insurance Coverage Continues to Deteriorate*. Washington, DC: US Government Printing Office; 1996.

³ Yudkowsky BK, Tang SS. "Children at Risk: Their Health Insurance Status by State." *Pediatrics* (in press).