

Threats to Medicaid and the gains of the Inflation Reduction Act

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About PHAN

PHAN is Pennsylvania's statewide, consumer-driven organization working to expand and protect access to high-quality, equitable, affordable healthcare for all Pennsylvanians.

PHAN blends coalition-building and policy advocacy with our unique model of community health organizing, which focuses on supporting and empowering consumers to get the treatment they need and become advocates for better healthcare in their local communities and statewide.

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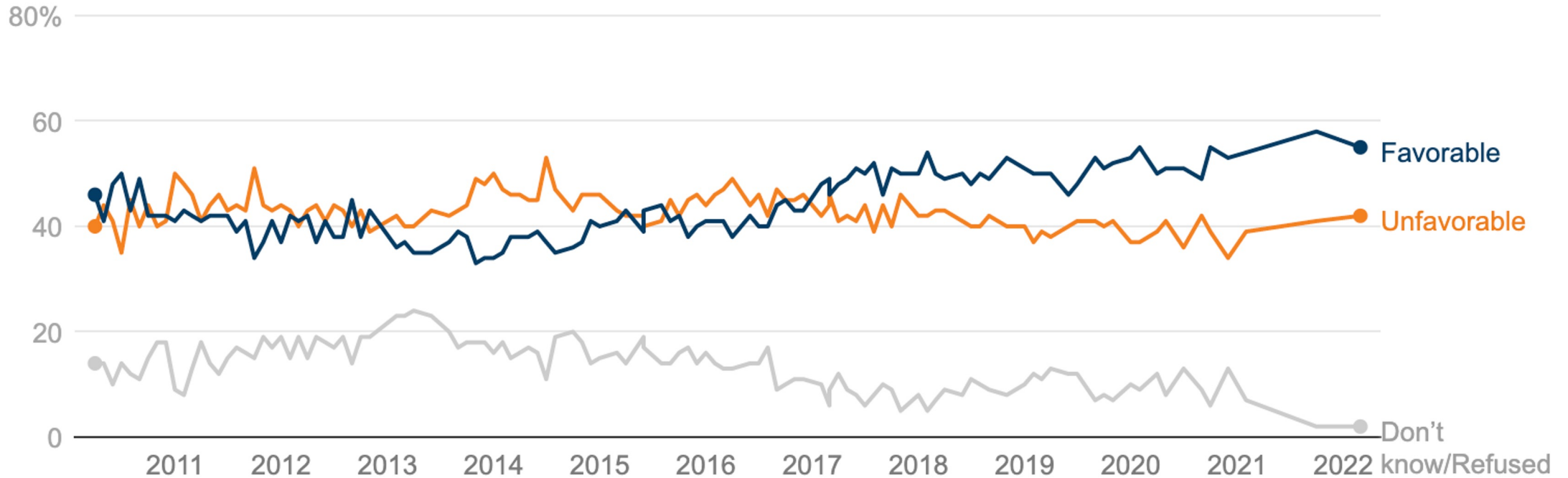
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Figure 1

Clear Majority Of Public View The ACA Favorably

Do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of the 2010 health reform law?



NOTE: See topline for full question wording.

SOURCE: [KFF Health Tracking Polls](#) (see toplines for full question wording)





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Impact on Premium Subsidies Available through Pennie if the American Rescue Plan Subsidies Expire in 2023

Statewide		
Total Customers	Average Annual Subsidy Decrease (\$)	Average Annual Subsidy Decrease (%)
304,490	\$1,017	20%

Rural and Urban Premiums after subsidies were enacted via the ARPA

Prevalence of Zero Dollar Plans in Rural Communities:

- Pre-ARP: 46.7%
- Post-ARP: 65.1%
- Difference: 18.4%
- 4.2% higher than urban communities

Prevalence of \$50 or Less per Month Plans:

- Pre-ARP: 60.6%
- Post-ARP: 76.8%
- Difference: 16.2%
- 4.3% higher than urban communities



Who enrolls in Medicaid & CHIP?

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide health coverage to over 82.3 million (total enrollment) Americans, 3.5 million people in PA.

- **Children** – 39 million in Medicaid or CHIP in the USA, at least a million in PA
- **Pregnant women** – Medicaid and CHIP cover about 42% of births in the USA, 34% in PA
- **Low-income adults “Medicaid Expansion”**– roughly 19 million individuals in the USA, 1 million in PA
- **Elderly adults and people with disabilities** – 8 million individuals are dual-eligible (receive benefits from Medicare and Medicaid)

<https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/scorecard/who-enrolls-medicaid-chip/index.html#medicaid-expansion-adult-enrollment-by-state>

In PA, the federal government pays **52%** of the cost of traditional Medicaid plus a 6.2 percentage point increase during the public health emergency

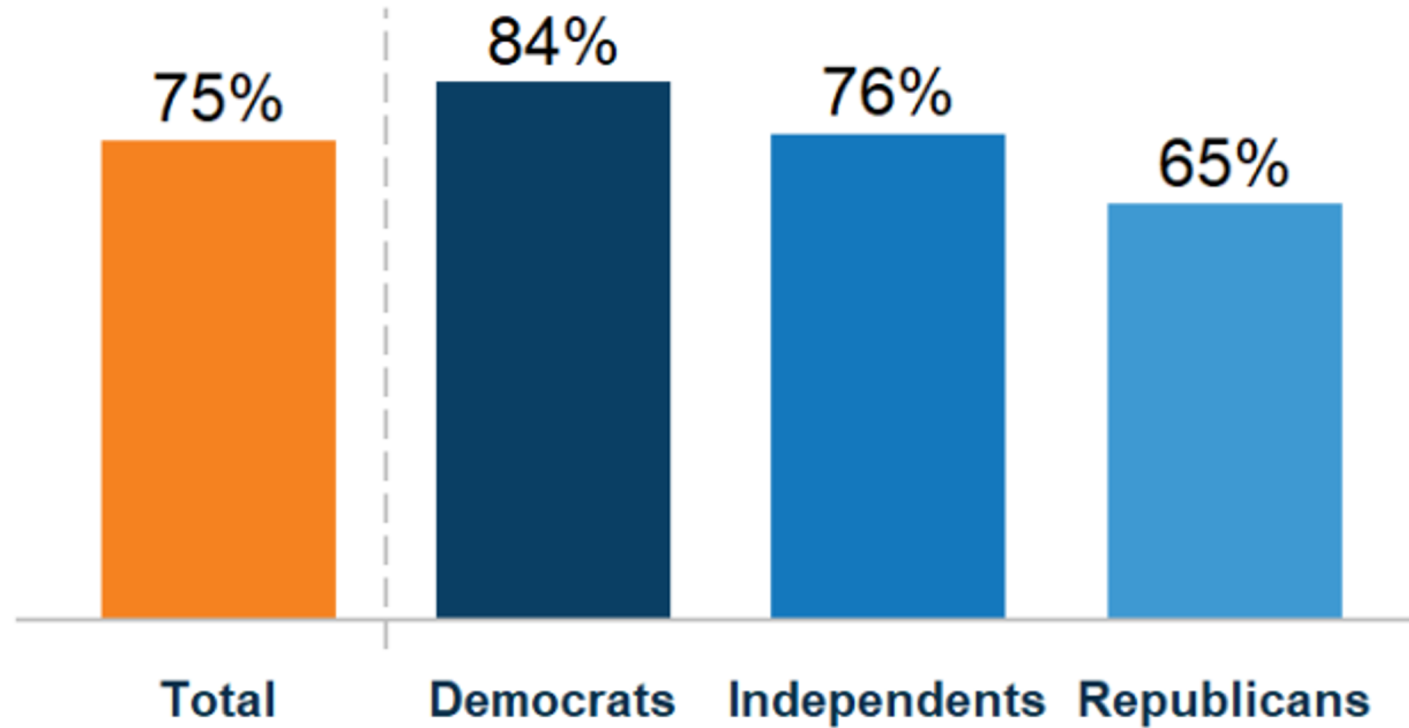


The federal government pays **90%** of the cost of the Medicaid expansion



<https://files.kff.org/attachment/fact-sheet-medicaid-state-PA>

National Share of Those that Hold Favorable Views of Medicaid



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“It is not self-evident that empowering Medicaid consumers is something that bolsters our democracy, but it is.”

Dr. Jamila Michener

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Join our affordability campaign.

- hospital costs
- insurance costs (focus on Pennie.com)
- high Rx drug costs
- medical debt

We're looking for coalition partners but feel free to choose your own adventure.

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