Medicaid Expansion Under ACA

In October 2010, Medical Assistance currently provided health coverage for 2.236 million Pennsylvanians, 17.8% of the population of the state. An additional 43,373 low income adults got health care coverage through the adultBasic program, and 192,623 children were covered by the CHIP program. Altogether, about one-fifth of the state’s citizens currently have federal and state funded health insurance.

Federal health care reform is expected to expand Medicaid coverage to an estimated maximum of 483,000 new Medicaid recipients in 2014:

- 97,000 individuals who are currently eligible for existing programs but are not enrolled
- 245,375 individuals on the adultBasic waiting list
- 8817 young adults who have aged out of foster care.
- 135,917 currently uninsured

Additionally, 104,224 individuals receiving Medicaid in the GA category and 26,912 getting adultBasic will qualify for federal reimbursement under Medicaid.

In addition, approximately 55,860 children that were previously receiving health insurance through CHIP will be transferred to Medicaid. In exchange states will receive additional CHIP match starting in 2015.