

# Medicaid Expansion in Texas: Legislation and Viewpoints

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In February, we wrote about how [states are considering Medicaid expansion](#) under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. We continue this discussion by highlighting [bills](#) filed during the 83rd Regular Session that relate to Medicaid expansion, as well several [reports](#) published recently that argue for or against Medicaid expansion in Texas.

## Legislation:

In addition to the bills listed below, the Senate's budget bill (SB 1), contains a rider regarding Medicaid expansion:

*Article IX, Section 17.12, Certain Medicaid Funds, p. IX-70, Text of Committee substitute for SB 1, 83rd Legislature, 2013.*

[HB 59](#) by Rep. Lon Burnam

Relating to participation by political subdivisions in federal healthcare programs.

[HB 593](#) by Reps. Elliott Naishtat & Garnet Coleman

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

[HB 999](#) by Rep. Eric Johnson

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

[HB 1001](#) by Rep. Eric Johnson

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

[HB 2950](#) by Rep. Justin Rodriguez

Relating to expanding eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

[HB 3122](#) by Rep. Eddie Lucio, III

Relating to expanding eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and ensuring the provision of quality care under and the effectiveness of the medical assistance program.

[HB 3266](#) by Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon

Relating to expanding eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and ensuring the provision of quality care under and the effectiveness of the medical assistance program.

[HB 3376](#) by Rep. Sylvester Turner

Relating to expanding eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and ensuring the provision of quality care under and the effectiveness of the medical assistance program.

**HB 3487** by Rep. Mke Villarreal

Relating to expanding eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and ensuring the provision of quality care under and the effectiveness of the medical assistance program.

**HB 3700** by Rep. Marisa Márquez

Relating to expanding eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and ensuring the provision of quality care under and the effectiveness of the medical assistance program.

**HB 3722** by Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer

Relating to expanding eligibility for benefits under the Medicaid program and transitioning the delivery of benefits under the Medicaid program from delivery through a managed care model or arrangement to delivery through an integrated and coordinated health care delivery system.

**HB 3791** by Reps. John Zerwas & J. D. Sheffield

Relating to the creation of a "Texas" solution to issues related to Medicaid, including flexibility in the administration of the Medicaid program, tailored to the needs of the state.

**HB 3806** by Rep. Helen Giddings

Relating to expanding eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and ensuring the provision of quality care under and the effectiveness of the medical assistance program.

**HJR 91** by Rep. Garnet Coleman

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for the Medicaid program to certain persons.

**SB 455** by Sen. José R. Rodríguez

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the application and eligibility determination processes for medical assistance and other programs.

**SB 880** by Sen. Rodney Ellis

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

**SB 1232** by Sen. Royce West

Relating to expanding eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and ensuring the provision of quality care under and the effectiveness of the medical assistance program.

**SB 1477** by Sen. Bob Deuell

Relating to flexibility in the administration of the Medicaid program, a block grant funding approach to Medicaid expansion, and the establishment of a health benefit exchange tailored to the needs of the state.

**SB 1808** by Sen. Charles Schwertner

Relating to the cost effects of expanding eligibility for medical assistance under the

federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

**SB 1816** by Sen. José R. Rodríguez

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and funding of that expansion.

**SJR 8** by Sen. Rodney Ellis

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for the Medicaid program to certain persons.

**SJR 61** by Sen. Charles Schwertner

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the reduction of amounts paid by Texans to provide health care to the uninsured if Medicaid eligibility is expanded in accordance with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; requiring hospital district tax rate reductions.

Viewpoints on Medicaid expansion in Texas:

Over the summer, Governor Rick Perry expressed his **opposition** to Medicaid expansion in Texas. Local organizations and individuals have also published their viewpoints about this issue. Below you will find a selection of these reports, organized alphabetically by title. [Back to top](#)

**Alternative Medicaid Proposals.** Legislative Budget Board, January 2013.

**Authorize Counties to Fund Medicaid Coverage for Newly Eligible Adults with Local Revenue.** Legislative Budget Board, January 2013.

**The Case against Medicaid expansion.** John Davidson / Texas Public Policy Foundation, March 13, 2013.

**Expanding Medicaid in Texas: smart, affordable and fair.** Billy Hamilton Consulting, January 2013.

**Fix Medicaid before you expand it.** Senator Tommy Williams, Austin American Statesman, February 28, 2013.

**Interfaith groups urge policymakers to extend health care coverage to 1.3 million uninsured.** Texas Impact, February 4, 2013.

**Letter to Governor Rick Perry regarding Medicaid expansion.** Senator Bob Deuell, February 28, 2013.

**The long road to reform (Medicaid expansion).** Texas Hospital Association, January/February 2013.

**Medicaid expansion plan bad for Texas.** Senator Bob Deuell, Rep. Charles Schwertner, Rep. Mark Shelton, and Rep. John Zerwas, San Antonio Express News, July 18, 2012.

**Only one rational choice: Texas should participate in Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.** The Perryman Group, February 2013.

Texas physicians: expand coverage, and reform Medicaid. Texas Medical Association, February 2,

Texas should not expand Medicaid. Arlene Wohlgemuth / Texas Public Policy Foundation, February 26, 2013.