

# **Medicaid Expansion Ballot Initiative Overview**

## **Mission**

Florida Decides Healthcare is a registered political committee supported by a diverse coalition of policy experts, healthcare providers, patient advocates, and employee associations working to pass a ballot initiative expanding Florida's Medicaid eligibility to individuals making below 138% of the federal poverty level.

## **Projected Impact**

Passing Medicaid Expansion will modernize Florida's Medicaid system by bringing the standards in line with the majority of the nation, as Florida is just 1 of 10 states that has not updated its Medicaid eligibility requirements since 2013. The 2026 ballot initiative will amend the Florida Constitution to address the coverage gap and allow citizens who make up to \$20,782 to access the affordable and quality healthcare that they deserve and which is sadly currently out of reach due to the state's antiquated eligibility requirements and the high cost of paying out of pocket for life-saving and even preventative care.

Updating Florida's Medicaid requirements is widely popular (with 76% support among Floridian voters) and will benefit all Floridians as it will:

- ✓ Give more than 1.4 million Floridians access to affordable care
- ✓ Lead to the creation of more than 130,000 new jobs
- ✓ Save Floridians an estimated \$200 million per year

### Coalition

- Catalyst Miami
- Central Florida Jobs with Justice
- Florida Health Justice Project
- Florida Policy Institute

- Florida Voices for Health
- SEIU Florida
- UnidosUS

#### **How To Get Involved**

In order to get Medicaid Expansion on the ballot in 2026, we need 1 million petitions signed by Florida voters by the end of this year. Request your petition and get involved at <a href="https://linktr.ee/floridadecideshealthcare">https://linktr.ee/floridadecideshealthcare</a> or by scanning the QR code below.

