

California Health Plans: Longtime Leaders in Bridging the Gap to Universal Health Care in the Golden State

Every Californian deserves affordable, comprehensive health care coverage—regardless of immigration status, which is why health plans have and will continue to support coverage expansion policies that will bring the state closer than ever to universal health care coverage.

Californians with health care coverage: **80%** (source)

2009

Health plans support the passage of the Affordable Care Act; California becomes the first state in the nation to enact legislation creating a health benefit exchange in the state.

11 health plans are offered on the Covered CA exchange. CA expands Medi-Cal eligibility under the Affordable Care Act, greatly increasing the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the state.

Californians with health care coverage: **82.5%**

2013

Health care coverage from Covered California enrollment takes effect.

Over 3 million Californians enroll in health care coverage.

Over 10 million beneficiaries enrolled in Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans. At the end of the year, California's uninsured rate dropped to 8.1%. (source)

Californians with health care coverage: **91.9%**

2015

Health plans support and implement the Medi-Cal coverage expansion to all children under 19 years old regardless of their immigration status.

Health plans provided strong support and advocated for the passage of the Minimum Essential Coverage Requirement for Health Insurance – a key component to stabilizing California's health insurance markets and keeping costs affordable.

New state subsidies for health care coverage are announced by Governor Newsom. Health plans support and educate members about these subsidies that, for the first time, help middle-income earners.

Californians with health care coverage: **92.3%**

2019

Health plans support and implement the Medi-Cal coverage expansion to all young adults under 26 years old regardless of their immigration status.

In response to COVID-19, the Department of Health Care Services announces new steps to help those eligible for Medi-Cal sign up easily and get immediate coverage. Over 1 million Californians enroll in health care coverage.

Californians with health care coverage: **94%**

With support, implementation, and education to Californians by health plans, the American Rescue Plan Act enhances and expands financial help for Californians enrolling in health care coverage.

3.6 million Californians became eligible for either no-cost or affordable coverage.

The benefits and subsidies helped healthcare enrollment grow by 33% for African Americans, 18% for Latinos, and 14% for Asian Americans.

2020

Health plans support and implement the Medi-Cal coverage expansion to all California residents over 50 years old regardless of their immigration status.

Health plans support Governor Newsom's blueprint to expand Medi-Cal coverage to all low-income California adults age 26–49 regardless of immigration status – the last remaining group of Californians without access to health care coverage.

California health plans support President Biden's calls for Congress to extend the benefits and subsidies offered through the American Rescue Plan.

2021

2022

Since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed in 2014, California's health plans have strongly supported policies and efforts by state leaders to expand affordable coverage to more Californians.

In 2013, only 82.5 percent of Californians had health care coverage. **Today, more than 94% of Californians have health care coverage.**