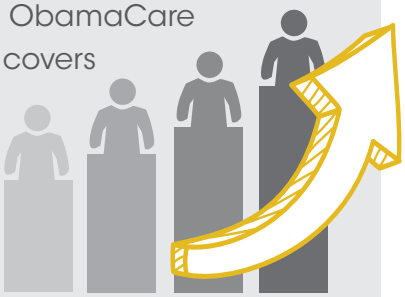
Michigan's Medicaid Waiver

PROMOTING WORK ■ REDUCING DEPENDENCY

THE PROBLEM: Exploding able-bodied adult enrollment in Medicaid

Michigan's ObamaCare expansion covers **668,000 able-bodied adults**



Taxpayers spend **$4 billion** per year on expansion in Michigan.

Work is the best path out of dependency.
But nearly half of expansion enrollees don't work at all.

THE SOLUTION: Michigan's Medicaid Waiver

Able-bodied adults must work, train, or volunteer at least part-time to qualify for Medicaid.

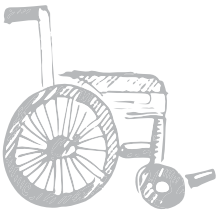
What counts as work?

- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Tribal employment programs
- ✓ Unpaid internships
- ✓ Job training
- ✓ Vocational training
- ✓ Court ordered substance use disorder treatment
- ✓ Community service
- ✓ Job search

What are the hourly requirements?

- ✓ 80 hours per month of work-related activities
- ✓ Enrollees can self-attest to compliance with or exemption from the work requirement

Who is exempt? Anyone who:



- ✗ has a disability
- ✗ is medically frail
- ✗ is mentally or physically unfit for employment
- ✗ is over the age of 62
- ✗ is caring for an individual with a disability
- ✗ is pregnant
- ✗ is a parent of a child under six
- ✗ is a full-time student
- ✗ has been incarcerated within the last six months
- ✗ is under 21 and was previously in foster care
- ✗ is receiving cash welfare or food stamps and is in compliance with those work requirements
- ✗ is living with an immediate family member who experiences serious illness or hospitalization
- ✗ is receiving unemployment insurance benefits
- ✗ is under 21 who had previously been in foster care
- ✗ is receiving SNAP or TANF and is in compliance with those work requirements

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A FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

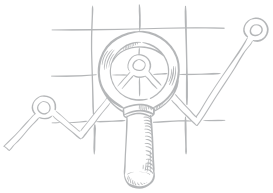
FACT: **Michigan's Medicaid work requirements would align Medicaid with work requirements already in place in cash welfare and food stamps.**

Able-bodied childless adults receiving food stamps are required to work, train, or volunteer at least part-time to qualify for benefits in Michigan. Able-bodied parents receiving cash welfare must also meet work requirements. The state's proposed waiver would impose similar requirements for able-bodied adults on Medicaid.

IT WORKS! **States have successfully implemented these requirements in other welfare programs.**

Individuals went back to work in more than 600 different industries

Their incomes more than doubled



Higher wages more than offset lost benefits

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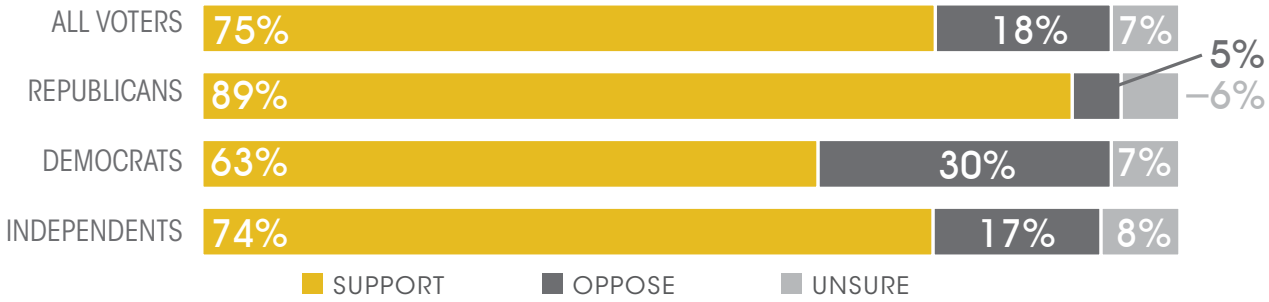

DID YOU KNOW? Michigan now spends **a third of its budget** on Medicaid.