# Fiscal and Economic Impacts of Medicaid Expansion in Alaska: a Preliminary Evaluation

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#### 1 Introduction

This document provides a preliminary evaluation of the statewide fiscal and economic impacts resulting from the State of Alaska's decision to implement—or not—the new option available to expand the State's Medicaid program eligibility. This option became available to all states under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act or ACA).¹ Under this new option, Medicaid eligibility may be extended to Alaska residents whose income is within 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).² The Federal government will pay 100 percent of the annual costs for the first three years starting in 2014, declining to 90 percent by 2020 (see Table 1).

This report draws on preliminary estimates of enrollment and costs of expanding Medicaid prepared by the Urban Institute (UI) in November 2012 for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC).<sup>3</sup> The UI estimates are referred to in this report as the Mid-Case Scenario. In addition, alternative scenarios are presented for comparison purposes.

A more comprehensive report of the fiscal and economic impacts of the Medicaid expansion option on the State of Alaska is being prepared by Northern Economics and will be released in late-January 2013. It will address an expanded list of economic drivers and effects, as well as expand the scenarios being evaluated to include the outcomes of the study on Medicaid expansion that the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) has commissioned.

#### <u>Summary of Fiscal and Economic Impacts of Expanding Medicaid Eligibility in Alaska</u>

Under the Mid-Case Scenario for the Medicaid expansion option, preliminary estimates of the fiscal and economic impacts, over the 2014–2019 period,<sup>4</sup> are:

#### Ratio of Federal to State funds:

For every \$1 in State funding related to Medicaid expansion, \$15.5 in new federal funds will be generated. Total State expenditures for the Medicaid expansion over the 2014–2019 period are estimated to be \$56.3 million; \$34.9 million for persons newly eligible for Medicaid, and \$21.4 million for the anticipated increase in enrollment among currently eligible Alaskans who are anticipated to enroll in Medicaid if the expansion takes

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This option is authorized under section 2001 of the Affordable Care Act and is available to certain legal residents who are at least 19 and not more than 64 years of age.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For the State of Alaska in 2012, 138 percent of the FPL is \$19,279 for an individual, \$26,110 for a two-person family.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A more comprehensive analysis of the Medicaid expansion will be completed by the Urban Institute and released by the ANTHC in January 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Information from the Urban Institute's preliminary report only covered the period 2014-2019. The final Urban Institute report however will include year 2020; the final version of this report will also incorporate that data.

- place.<sup>5</sup> In turn, \$873.2 million in new Federal funds will be generated in the State. (See Figure 1.)
- Even if the State's newly required Medicaid baseline spending associated with the "Woodwork Effect" resulting from implementation of the ACA is included with the (optional) Medicaid expansion costs, each \$1 of State funding creates \$7 of Federal funds (See Table 4 and ratio of total State and Federal spending for Mid-Case Scenario).
- Savings in Other State Spending Due to Expansion: Existing State expenditures have been identified that will be replaced by Medicaid spending if the Medicaid expansion occurs. For instance, the Catastrophic and Chronic Assistance Program will not be needed, Medicaid (with the high Federal match) will cover inpatient hospital costs for prisoners, and immunizations for adults will be reimbursed as a covered service, resulting in a net reduction in State spending for these services.
- **Number of Jobs Created:** Approximately 4,000 additional jobs will be created in Alaska by 2017 from the combined impact of the Medicaid expansion and underlying Woodwork Effect, with job growth increasing to 4,600 by 2019.
- Additional Salaries and Wages Earned: \$230 million in additional annual labor income will be paid to Alaska residents by 2019 from the combined impact of the Medicaid expansion and underlying Woodwork Effect.
- Increase in Overall Economic Output: An additional \$510 million in economic output (total business sales) will be generated in 2019 from the combined impact of the Medicaid expansion (\$390 million) and underlying Woodwork Effect (\$120 million); or a \$2.33 billion cumulative increase in Alaska's economic output over the 2014–2019 period. The \$390 million of economic output will not occur if the Medicaid expansion option is not implemented.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This second group is included under the Medicaid Expansion Scenario because these costs are anticipated to be incurred only if the expansion is implemented.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The UI and other analysts agree that a percentage of individuals currently eligible to participate in Medicaid, who have not historically, will enroll in 2014 due to other requirements of the ACA. This increased enrollment is unrelated to the decisions the State may make about Medicaid expansion and is often referred to as the "Woodwork Effect."

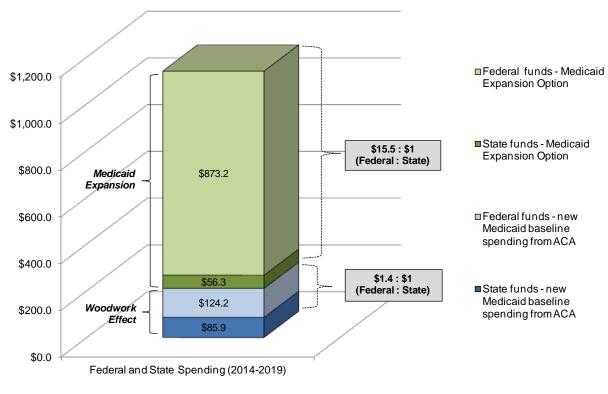


Figure 1. Ratio of Federal Funds to State Funds, 2014 – 2019

Note: The State and Federal expenditures shown in this figure include estimates for administrative costs that are not included in the UI, 2012 preliminary report.

Source: Northern Economics, Inc. estimates, derived from UI, 2012.

Additional discussion of each of these effects is shown below, including estimated fiscal and economic impacts under alternative expansion scenarios.

#### Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act

Under the Affordable Care Act, Alaska has the *option* of expanding Medicaid eligibility, effective January 1, 2014, to adults with income up to 138 percent of the FPL. This eligibility level equates to roughly \$20,000 in income for an individual and \$26,000 for a couple. The expansion would extend coverage to two groups of Alaska residents: adults whose income exceeds the current income eligibility thresholds and who have dependent children and adults without dependent children. Eligibility for low-income children and pregnant women would not change based on the State of Alaska's decision to expand or not expand Medicaid eligibility under this new option, because children and pregnant women under 138 percent of the FPL would continue to be covered under the State's Medicaid or CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) programs as they are today. Similarly, adults who are eligible for Medicaid due to their low income and either

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Income is based on a new simplified Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) formula.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The current Alaska Medicaid eligibility level is 81 percent of the FPL for working parents and 76 percent for jobless parents.

being over 65 years of age or being disabled will remain eligible under current Medicaid and will not be part of the Medicaid expansion.

Aside from the decision whether or not to exercise the new Medicaid eligibility expansion option, other (non-expansion) elements in the Affordable Care Act are anticipated to increase the enrollment in 2014 and subsequent years of Alaska residents who are *currently eligible* for Medicaid (i.e., the "Woodwork Effect"). Two of the elements that are anticipated to increase enrollment of currently eligible persons are simplification of Medicaid enrollment procedures and a general requirement for most individuals in the United States to obtain health insurance coverage.<sup>9</sup> The increased enrollment resulting from implementation of the ACA will occur whether or not Alaska implements the Medicaid expansion option. As such, the spending associated with this "Woodwork Effect" is identified in this report, but it is generally identified separately from the impact of the Medicaid expansion option.

In this report, these two sets of expenditures and revenues are identified as:

- **Woodwork Effect,** which is new Medicaid spending on currently eligible persons from implementation of the Affordable Care Act but not associated with Medicaid Expansion.
- **Medicaid Expansion impact,** which includes those newly eligible as well as currently eligible Alaskans who are anticipated to enroll in Medicaid only if the expansion takes place.

## Federal Contribution under ACA Medicaid Eligibility Expansion Option

Under the new option to expand Medicaid eligibility, the Federal government will contribute a substantially greater share of the new program costs than typically occurs today. The Federal contribution for Alaska's current Medicaid program is 50 percent of program expenditures, except for services provided by Tribal health organizations to Alaska Natives and American Indians (AN/Als), which are now and will continue to be covered by 100 percent Federal funding. As shown in Table 1, under the Medicaid expansion option, the Federal government will fund 100 percent of the costs of health services to newly eligible persons in the first three years (2014–2016), and transition to 90 percent by 2020 and thereafter. If expansion is authorized, about 97 percent of program costs will be Federally paid over the first six years, and 94 percent of costs will be Federally paid over the first decade. The effective rate of the Federal government's

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Alaska Natives and American Indians are exempt from a penalty for not obtaining health insurance coverage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The reference to 50 percent Federal contribution over-simplifies the match calculations somewhat since the match percentage varies depending on a number of factors, but the largest share of Medicaid services receive only a 50 percent Federal match. In particular, as noted, whenever Alaska Natives or American Indians receive Medicaid services in a tribal health facility, the Federal match is 100 percent. That 100 percent Federal contribution will continue under Medicaid expansion. Developments in the tribal health system in Alaska are improving access to Alaska Natives and American Indians and will result in a larger share of Medicaid services being eligible for the full Federal match.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> In general, administrative costs for the Medicaid expansion would be split 50/50 between the State and the Federal government.

contribution is even higher when the 100 percent funding for services provided to AN/AIs by Tribal health organizations is factored in.

Table 1. Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) under ACA Medicaid Expansion

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	6-year Average ('14-'19)	10-year Average ('14-'23)
						(Pe	ercentage	e)				
General Popula	tion: Healt	h Service	es									
FMAP	100	100	100	95	94	93	90	90	90	90	97	94
State share	0	0	0	5	6	7	10	10	10	10	3	6
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Alaska Natives	and Ameri	ican India	ns Serve	d by Trib	al Health	n Organiz	ations: H	lealth Se	rvices			
FMAP	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
State share	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Combined FMAP Rate: General Population and AN/Als: Health Services												
Effective Rate	100	100	100	95+	94+	93+	90+	90+	90+	90+	97+	94+

Source: Northern Economics, Inc., derived from UI, 2012.

### **Enrollment, State Spending and Federal Revenues under Medicaid Expansion Option**

If the State of Alaska implements the Medicaid expansion, preliminary projections are that more than 34,000 additional low-income Alaskans are expected to enroll in Medicaid, with a substantial percentage of the new enrollees being Alaska Natives and American Indians. Displayed in Table 2 are the preliminary projections prepared by the Urban Institute on enrollment, State-supported spending, and Federal revenues if the State of Alaska exercises the Medicaid expansion option. These projections, referred to in this paper as the Mid-Case Scenario, were generated by estimating the total number of persons who will become eligible under the expansion and the anticipated percentage of the newly eligible who will actually enroll, and applying the Federal contribution rates in effect for each year (shown in Table 1) to the projected average per enrollee costs. 13 Associated program administrative costs were added to the Urban Institute's estimates. Table 2 also shows the additional Medicaid enrollment, costs, and revenues from the Woodwork Effect, as reported in the Urban Institute's preliminary report. The costs and revenues under the Woodwork Effect are distinct from those included for the Medicaid Expansion: Mid-Case Scenario and will be incurred by the State whether or not the State decides to expand Medicaid program eligibility.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> A comprehensive analysis of the Medicaid expansion will be completed by the Urban Institute and released by the ANTHC in January 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Urban Institute, Preliminary Estimates of New Enrollment and Costs of the Medicaid Expansion in Alaska, November 29, 2012, with additional costs included for administrative expenditures.

As indicated in Table 2, a total of \$56.3 million in direct State spending under the Medicaid Expansion Option (Mid-Case Scenario) will be required over the initial six-year period (assuming the expansion goes into effect on January 1, 2014). \$34.9 million in State spending is the State portion of costs associated with the newly eligible and enrolled persons, and \$21.4 million in State costs associated with additional numbers of currently eligible persons who are anticipated to enroll in Medicaid if the expansion takes place. This second group ("Current eligibles, new enrollment under expansion") is included under the Medicaid Expansion Scenario because these costs are anticipated to be incurred only if the expansion is implemented. These costs are in addition to those included under the New Medicaid Baseline Spending under the ACA. Together, the State investment under the Mid-Case Scenario will result in more than \$870 million in Federal revenues to the State over the 2014–2019 period. Including the Woodwork Effect, total State expenditures over the period will be approximately \$142 million and generate Federal funds of \$997 million.

Table 2. Counts and Costs of New Medicaid Enrollees under ACA:
Woodwork Effect for Current Eligibles and Medicaid Expansion, Mid-Case Scenario

	Enrollment	Expenditures (\$millions): 2014 -2019			
Scenario	(2019)	State	Federal	Total	
New Medicaid Baseline Spending under the ACA (Woodwork Effect)					
Current eligibles, new enrollment under ACA	9,440	\$85.9	\$124.2	\$210.1	
Medicaid Expansion Option: Mid-Case Scenario					
New eligibles, new enrollment under expansion	32,400	\$34.9	\$842.2	\$877.1	
Current eligibles, new enrollment under expansion	2,360	\$21.4	\$31.0	\$52.4	
Total: Medicaid expansion	34,760	\$56.3	\$873.2	\$929.5	
Totals: Woodwork Effect and Expansion	44,200	\$142.2	\$997.4	\$1,139.5	

Note: The State and Federal expenditures shown in this table include estimates for administrative costs that are not included in the UI, 2012 preliminary report.

Source: Northern Economics, Inc., using data from UI, 2012.

#### **Expansion Scenarios**

The State of Alaska has the option to either elect to implement the Medicaid expansion <sup>14</sup> or elect not to implement the Medicaid expansion option. Presented below are analyses of the fiscal and economic impacts of not expanding Medicaid as well as three scenarios for the Medicaid expansion.

 The "Woodwork Effect" (no Medicaid expansion), assumes the State decides not to exercise its option to expand Medicaid eligibility (UI preliminary projections), but still incurs the cost of serving current eligibles who are likely to enroll in Medicaid.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The State may choose expansion, but delay it by a year or more. However, the Federal match per year is fixed (as shown in Table 1) so that any delay in start-up would reduce the total amount of Federal match.

- "Mid-Case" assumes Medicaid eligibility is extended up to 138 percent of the FPL with mid-level enrollment (UI preliminary projections).
- Partial Offset," assumes the Mid-Case enrollment and costs, but the required State funding for the expansion is partially offset by (1) reductions in existing State spending on health care services to the uninsured (e.g., State spending for inpatient hospital services to prisoners, public health immunization programs, and the State's Catastrophic and Chronic Assistance Program) and/or (2) increases in revenues to the State resulting from the expansion (i.e. increased corporate income tax or other factors resulting from the Medicaid expansion<sup>15</sup>). Beginning in 2014 and increasing annually by a 2.5 percent inflation rate, \$7.4 million in annual State budget offsets are estimated, resulting in \$47.3 million over the 2014–2019 period. Note that achieving this result would reduce the net impact of the expansion on the State budget by more than half.
- "Full Enrollment," assumes a much higher participation rate than the Mid-Case Scenario, reaching 100 percent enrollment of newly eligible recipients by 2017 and remaining at that level. 16

#### **State Spending and Federal Revenues under Various Scenarios**

Figure 2 displays the Federal and State shares of funding for the Woodwork Effect as well as for each of the three Medicaid expansion scenarios: Mid-Case, Partial Offset, and Full Enrollment. The Woodwork Effect is shown in each scenario in Figure 2, since it affects total new Medicaid spending whether Medicaid expansion occurs or not. Also see the Appendix for tables that present additional detail regarding the State and Federal expenditures if Medicaid is expanded and if it is not.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> These other factors might include savings or lower rates of increase in Medicaid spending for hospital services and in the State's contributions to the health insurance provided to State employees and retirees through its self-insurance plan which could result from reducing hospital bad debt and uncompensated care expenses by expansion of Medicaid. See *The Economic Impacts of Medicaid Expansion on Missouri* (University of Missouri School of Medicine and Dobson DaVanzo & Associates, LLC, 2012) for a discussion of the cost savings resulting from reduced health insurance premiums.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The State of Alaska's Request for Proposals issued October 4, 2012, for an evaluation of the Medicaid expansion option, required that one scenario include 100 percent enrollment of eligible persons. This scenario was included here to accommodate those projections.

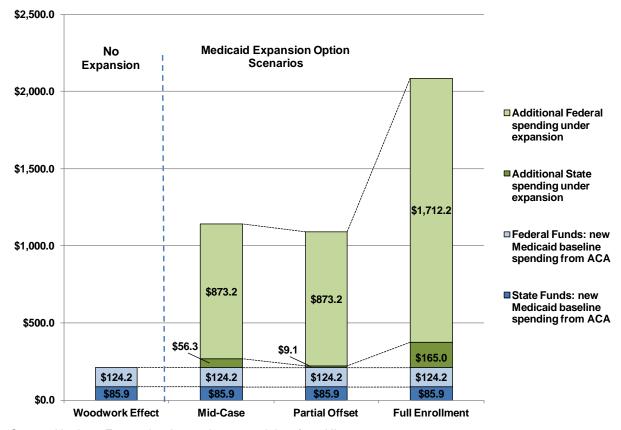


Figure 2. State and Federal Expenditures by Scenario, 2014–2019 (\$millions)

Source: Northern Economics, Inc. estimates and data from UI, 2012.

### Projected Fiscal and Economic Impacts in Alaska

Under the range of scenarios presented, Medicaid expansion is anticipated to generate positive fiscal and economic impacts on Alaska residents, businesses, and health care providers. Further analysis is required to determine the degree to which the State will be able to identify additional budget offsets, and thereby further reduce the direct State spending required under the Medicaid expansion option. However, as shown in this report, even if additional State budget offsets are not identified, the modest increase in State expenditures will result in substantial benefits to the Alaska economy. These impacts are measured in terms of: (1) the ratio of Federal revenues to State-supported costs; (2) the number of jobs created; (3) the additional salaries and wages earned; and (4) the increase in the overall economic output in Alaska.

**Ratio of Federal to State Revenues:** Figure 2 (above) shows the level of State and Federal expenditures associated with each scenario. The additional State expenditures for the Medicaid expansion will result in significant Federal matching funds due to the annual Federal contribution rate being 90 percent or higher under the expansion. Even under the Full Enrollment Scenario, required State funding will generate substantially greater Federal revenues.

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Figure 3 (below) presents the ratio of Federal to State funding under each of the Medicaid expansion scenarios, including the new baseline spending for the Woodwork Effect. For instance, the ratio of total Federal to total State funding is \$7.0 to \$1 under the Mid-Case Scenario, but \$15.5 to \$1 if only the additional spending under Medicaid expansion is considered. If the State is able to offset a portion of the direct State spending under the Medicaid expansion, the ratio expands to \$95.6 to \$1 (\$873.2 million in Federal funds to a net (after offsets) of \$9.1 million in State funds). Including the Woodwork Effect in the Partial Offset Scenario reduces the ratio to \$10.5 to \$1. For the Full Enrollment Scenario, the ratio for Medicaid expansion only is \$18 to \$1, and including the Woodwork Effect reduces the ratio to \$9.4 to 1. The \$1.4 to \$1 ratio under the new Medicaid baseline spending highlights the increase under the Medicaid expansion in the Federal government's contribution in relation to the State's share.

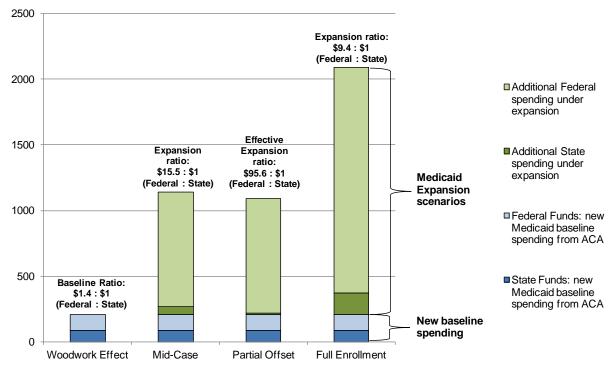


Figure 3. Ratio of State and Federal Expenditures by Scenario, 2014 - 2019 (millions)

Source: Northern Economic, Inc. estimates using UI, 2012 data.

Under each of the three Medicaid expansion scenarios, the Federal revenues received by the State for each dollar invested is substantial and compares favorably to other economic development initiatives undertaken by the State of Alaska. For example, the Alaska Film Production Tax Incentive Program is an economic development initiative designed to promote Alaska as a location for film production and allow the expansion and development of the industry in the state.<sup>17</sup> A study by Northern Economics, Inc. for

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> The Alaska Film Incentives [Program] is based on legislation passed in 2008 as part of an economic development initiative. Applicants who apply are eligible for up to 44 percent in transferable credit, including a base credit of 30 percent with 10 percent added for Alaskan hire, 2 percent added if filmed between October 1

the Alaska Division of Legislative Audit found that the Program to date has generated a net positive economic impact in the State. <sup>18</sup> For the period July 2008 through February 2012, direct spending from Program-approved productions has generated \$2 in economic output for every \$1 in Alaska Film Production Credits used. In comparison, as mentioned above, under the Mid-Case Scenario, the State would experience a direct return on investment of 15.5 to 1 over the initial six years of the expansion, not including the costs and revenues associated with the Woodwork Effect, which will occur whether or not expansion occurs. Even with the new Woodwork Effect spending added in, the Federal government will contribute \$7 for every \$1 of State funds (\$997.4 million to \$142.2 million).

#### **Jobs Created**

As shown in Figure 4, by 2019 the Mid-Case Scenario shows job growth of 3,700 above the level of jobs resulting from the Woodwork Effect from implementation of the Affordable Care Act. If the Full Enrollment Scenario were to play out, the higher Medicaid program enrollment would generate additional spending, which would generate about 6,000 net additional jobs by 2019. While most of the jobs would be in the health care sector, new jobs will be created in other sectors, such as retail and transportation.

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and May 30, and another 2 percent added for filming in rural locations. In order to qualify, there must be a minimum of \$100,000 spent in Alaska.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Northern Economics, Inc., Economic Analysis of the Alaska Film Production Incentive Program, June 2012. Available at http://www.legaudit.state.ak.us/pages/audits/2012/pdf/30066rpt.pdf.

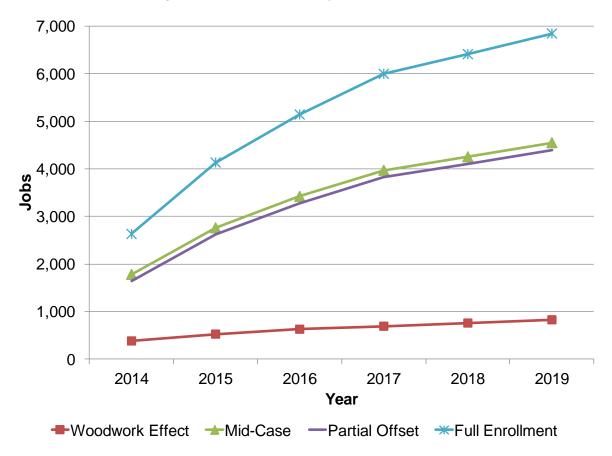


Figure 4. Annual Jobs Created by Scenario, 2014-2019

Notes: All four scenarios incorporate the spending from the Woodwork Effect. The Mid-Case, Partial Offset, and Full Enrollment scenarios also show the additional effect of Medicaid expansion.

Source: Northern Economic, Inc. estimates using UI, 2012 data.

## <u>Additional Labor Income (Salaries and Wages Earned):</u>

Figure 5 displays the additional salaries and wages created under each scenario. By 2019, the increase in annual labor income ranges from about \$42 million under the Woodwork Effect scenario to \$348 million under the Full Enrollment Scenario. The Mid-Case and Partial Offset Scenarios will create about \$180 million to \$190 million in additional annual labor income, compared to the Woodwork Effect scenario. Cumulatively, more than \$1 billion in additional salaries and wages are anticipated to be generated over the 2014–2019 period from the combined effects of the \$142 million in (pre-offset) State spending resulting from the Woodwork Effect and the Medicaid expansion spending (Mid-Case Scenario).

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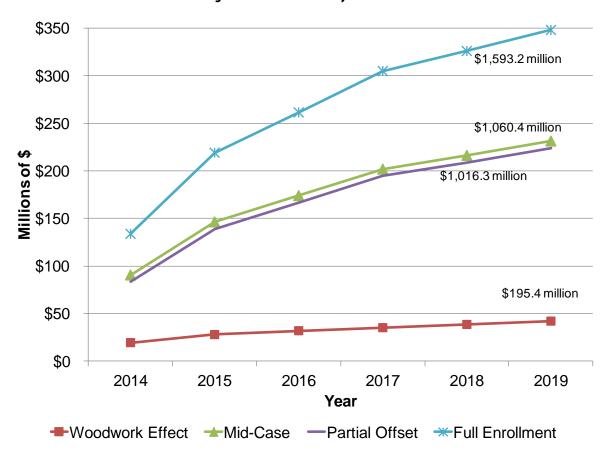


Figure 5. Labor Income by Scenario

Notes: The Woodwork Effect is incorporated into the volume for each of the Expansion scenarios. Numbers near the lines represent the cumulative totals over the six-year period. Source: Northern Economic, Inc. estimates using UI, 2012 data.

## **Increase in Overall Economic Output in Alaska:**

The additional spending associated with the Medicaid expansion in Alaska would increase the economic output (or total business sales) in Alaska. Figure 6 presents estimates of the value of economic output associated with each scenario. In general, total economic output is about 2.2 times larger than the direct health care expenditures associated with each scenario.

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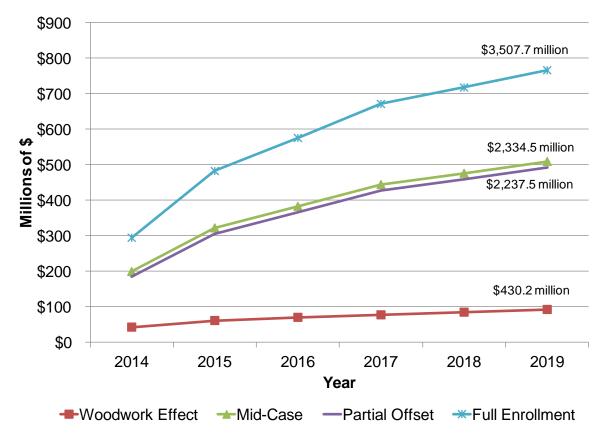


Figure 6. Economic Output by Scenario

Notes: The Woodwork Effect is incorporated into the volume for each of the Expansion scenarios. Numbers near the lines represent the cumulative totals over the six-year period.

Source: Northern Economic, Inc. estimates using UI, 2012 data.

The modest incremental State expenditures for the Mid-Case Scenario in 2019 alone results in about \$416 million in additional economic output in Alaska that year compared to the Woodwork Effect caused by implementation of the non-expansion elements of the Affordable Care Act. The additional incremental State expenditures under the Full Enrollment Scenario result in an additional \$257 million in economic activity in 2019 compared to the Mid-Case Scenario. Cumulatively, \$2.3 billion in increased economic output is projected to occur in Alaska under the Mid-Case Scenario over the initial six years of the expansion if the State of Alaska authorizes the expansion to begin January 1, 2014.

#### **Methodology**

The economic effects were estimated using IMPLAN™, a software and data program created by MIG, Inc. for conducting input-output analysis. The estimates reflect the direct, indirect, and induced economic effects of health care spending in the State. The direct economic effects are created with the State and Federal spending associated with the Medicaid expansion option and the Woodwork Effect identified in the fiscal effects.

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The indirect economic effects are the result of purchases by the directly affected businesses from other businesses in the Alaska economy. The induced economic effects are the result of household spending of the wages and salaries associated with the new jobs.

The total expenditures in Alaska under the different scenarios that are presented in Table 2, Table 3, and Table 4 were allocated to various health care-related industry sectors based on prior research (Banner Health, 2012, and Foster and Goldsmith, 2011.) These two studies have slightly different allocations (share of expenditures spent on different health care sectors), but results from the different allocations are within ±5 percent of each other. The findings presented in this report reflect the results from allocations developed by Foster and Goldsmith.

Note that in order to simplify the analysis, it is assumed in this preliminary evaluation that the estimated costs to the State of Alaska of the Medicaid expansion as well as the new baseline spending that would be required with the Woodwork Effect would be funded by the State's savings account and would not offset spending on other State programs. In the next phase of this report, the analysis will be expanded to incorporate the results of the Medicaid Cost study (contracted by the State of Alaska), as well as assumptions regarding potential sources of state funding and other fiscal implications yet to be quantified.

The fiscal and economic impacts projected in this report do not include the approximately \$645 million in assistance for health insurance premiums and cost-sharing to Alaska residents projected to be provided by the Federal government through the new Federally operated Health Insurance Exchange over the 2014–2019 period.<sup>19</sup>

This report also excludes additional economic benefits that may result from reductions in uncompensated care and bad debt by people with no health insurance, or improvements in the health status of people who would newly acquire coverage. For the latter group, a recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine<sup>20</sup> found that state Medicaid expansions "were significantly associated with reduced mortality as well as improved coverage, access to care, and self-reported health."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Urban Institute, Consider Savings as Well as Costs, July 2011, Table 6, page 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Benjamin D. Sommers, M.D., Ph.D., Katherine Baicker, Ph.D., and Arnold M. Epstein, M.D., 2012. Mortality and Access to Care among Adults after State Medicaid Expansions, New England Journal of Medicine, 367: 1025-1034.

#### <u>Appendix</u>

Table 3 presents additional detail on the Mid-Case Scenario showing the State and Federal expenditures for the newly eligible if the Medicaid expansion option is implemented, and for those currently eligible that would be enrolled as a result of the Medicaid expansion. The estimates shown here exclude the Woodwork Effect, those currently eligible that may be enrolled even if the State elects not to expand eligibility.

Table 3. Medicaid Eligibility Expansion Option: Mid-Case Scenario (Excludes Woodwork Effect Enrollment):

Federal and State Expenditures

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total \$	
Scenario	(Millions of \$)							
New Eligibles, New E	nrollment							
Federal share	71.0	112.7	143.7	162.4	171.5	180.9	842.2	
State share	0.7	1.1	1.4	8.5	10.5	12.7	34.9	
Subtotal	71.7	113.9	145.1	170.9	182.0	193.6	877.1	
Current Eligibles, Ne	Current Eligibles, New Enrollment							
Federal share	3.1	4.2	5.1	5.6	6.2	6.7	31.0	
State share	2.2	2.9	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.7	21.5	
Subtotal	5.3	7.1	8.7	9.6	10.4	11.4	52.5	
Total: Medicaid Eligibility Expansion Option Excluding Woodwork Effect Costs								
Federal share	74.1	117.0	148.8	168.1	177.6	187.6	873.2	
State share	2.9	4.0	5.0	12.4	14.8	17.4	56.4	
Total	77.0	121.0	153.8	180.5	192.4	205.0	929.6	

Note: The State and Federal expenditures shown in this table include estimates for administrative costs that are not included in the UI, 2012 preliminary report.

Source: Northern Economics, Inc., using data from UI, 2012.

Table 4 shows the federal and State shares of funding for the No Expansion Scenario as well as the Partial Offset and Full Enrollment Scenarios described above, and a Mid-Case Scenario which includes costs for the Woodwork Effect (currently eligible new enrollees).

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Table 4. Alternative Medicaid Eligibility Expansion Scenarios: Estimated Federal and State Expenditures

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total \$
Scenario	Millions of \$						
Woodwork Effect Sce	nario						
Federal share	12.5	16.9	20.5	22.6	24.7	26.9	124.1
State share	8.6	11.7	14.2	15.6	17.1	18.6	85.8
Total	21.1	28.6	34.7	38.1	41.8	45.6	209.9
Mid-Case Scenario inc	cluding Wood	dwork Effect	Enrollees				
Federal share	86.6	133.9	169.3	190.7	202.4	214.5	997.4
State share	11.5	15.7	19.1	28.0	31.9	36.0	142.2
Total	98.1	149.6	188.4	218.6	234.2	250.6	1,139.5
Partial Offset Scenario	o including W	oodwork Ef	fect Enrollee	es			
Federal share	86.6	133.9	169.3	190.7	202.4	214.5	997.4
Net State share	4.1	8.1	11.3	20.0	23.7	27.6	94.9
Total	90.7	142.0	180.7	210.7	226.1	242.2	1,092.3
Full Enrollment Scena	rio						
Federal share	133.0	207.5	263.1	296.7	314.3	332.6	1,547.2
State share	11.9	16.4	20.0	33.5	38.7	44.3	165.0
Total	144.9	223.9	283.2	330.2	353.0	376.9	1,712.2

Note: The State and Federal expenditures shown in this table include estimates for administrative costs that are not included in the UI, 2012 preliminary report.

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