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N.C. Governor Signs Medicaid Expansion Bill Into Law

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper (D) yesterday signed into law a measure that will expand Medicaid availability to an additional estimated 600,000 adults in the state. [HB 76](#), known as *Access to Healthcare Options*, passed both legislative chambers earlier this month with bipartisan support.

North Carolina joins 39 other states and the District of Columbia in approving the Medicaid expansion criteria set by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Under the ACA, working-age adults with incomes below 138% of the federal poverty level are eligible for Medicaid in states that choose to expand their Medicaid programs.

Financial incentives included in federal COVID-19 legislation mean the Tar Heel State will receive an additional \$1.75 billion over the next two years than it would have otherwise previously for expanding Medicaid.

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