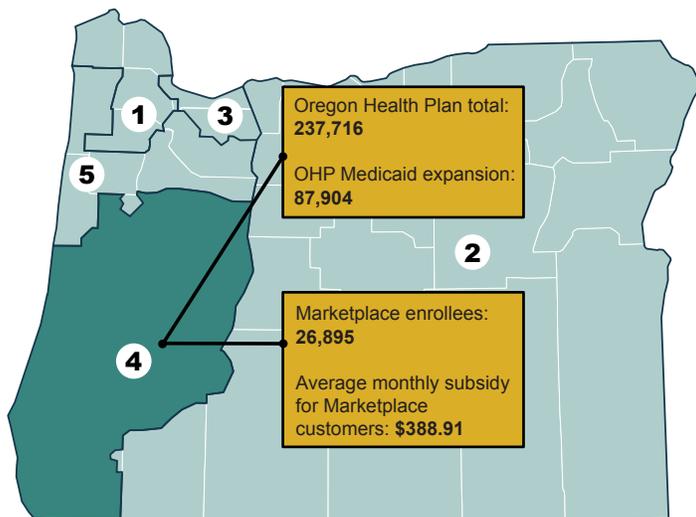


Affordable Care Act: Impact on 4th District

In 2010, nearly 1 in 5 Oregonians lacked health coverage. Today, 95 percent of Oregonians – and 98 percent of children – have health coverage. Although there is more work to do to improve the Affordable Care Act, the federal law combined with Oregon’s state Medicaid reforms have produced important benefits for Oregon, including:

- **Reduced health care costs for state and federal taxpayers:** By enrolling members in Oregon’s new coordinated care system, state and federal taxpayers have avoided \$1.3 billion in Medicaid costs since 2012.
- **Improved quality of care:** Avoidable emergency room visits have dropped 50 percent since 2011, after Oregon launched innovative Medicaid reforms and expanded Medicaid.
- **Job creation:** Oregon gained 23,300 health care jobs since the ACA was implemented. The Economic Policy Institute estimates Oregon would lose approximately 42,000 jobs if the ACA is repealed.
- **Public health:** Oregon received a total of \$10.4 million in federal funds in 2016 through the ACA for core public health services, such as teen suicide prevention and chronic disease management.

4th Congressional District coverage

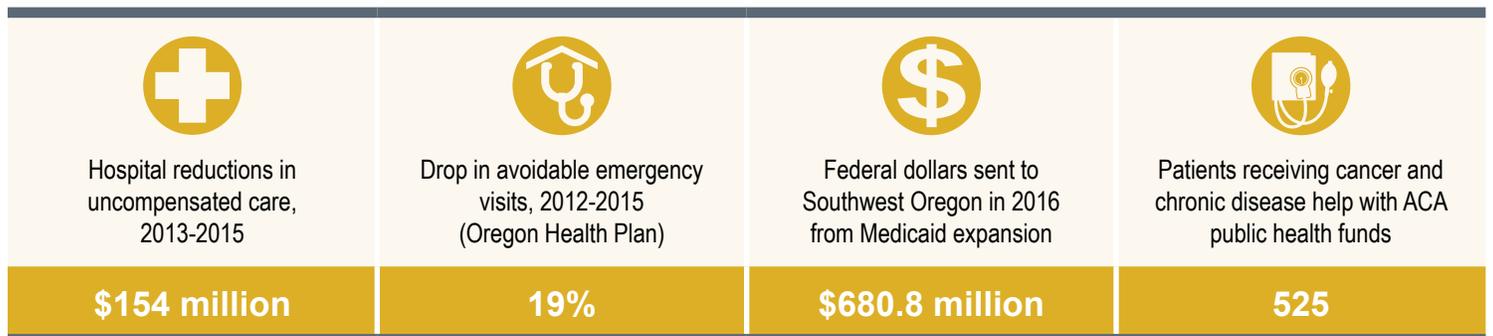


Medicaid expansion and subsidies available through the Marketplace (HealthCare.gov) have made coverage more accessible.

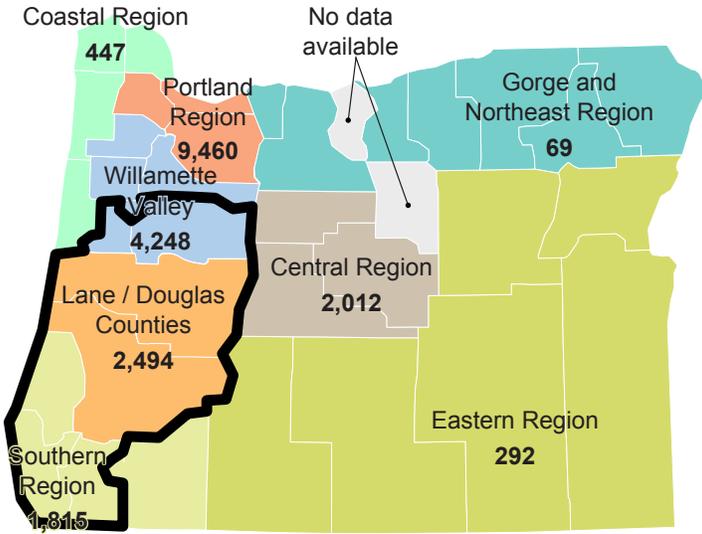
- In the 4th Congressional District, 94 percent of residents have health coverage, depending on their region, as of 2015. The uninsured dropped 9 percent from 2013-2015.
- The 4th Congressional District saw a 35 percent increase in the number of people insured through the individual market from 2013 to 2016.

Source: Oregon Health Authority, [Oregon Health Transformation Quarterly Legislative Report](#), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Oregon Health Insurance Survey, 2015

Reduced cost, improved quality in 4th Congressional District



Sources: **Uncompensated care:** Oregon Health Authority, [Databank](#); **Federal dollars:** Oregon Health Authority; **ER visits:** Oregon Health Authority, [CCO Metrics 2016 Mid-Year Report](#); and **Public health:** Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division.



Increased employment in the 4th Congressional District

Oregon gained 23,300 health care jobs since the ACA was implemented, including:

- Nearly 2,500 jobs in Lane and Douglas counties
- Approximately 1,800 jobs in southern Oregon.

Source: Office of the State Economist; regional numbers are approximate due to data limitations

Oregon's priorities for health reform:

1. Changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicaid should maintain, not reverse, levels of health care coverage in Oregon and other states.
2. Oregon's coordinated care system is a model for federal Medicaid reform. Medicaid cost savings should be achieved by changing health care delivery, not rolling back eligibility, benefits, or funding levels. Oregon has shown that it's possible to improve quality for patients while also reducing costs.
3. Federal changes to the ACA should stabilize, not disrupt, Oregon's insurance market. Insurers need clarity about upcoming changes.
4. Changes to the ACA should preserve the state's ability to serve and protect health insurance policyholders.
5. Maintain funding to allow innovation and focus on prevention, including funding for core public health services funded in the ACA.

People in 4th Congressional District with ACA coverage

Southwest Oregon resident

"I assisted one family who needed urgent health coverage because the daughter was complaining of severe, ongoing back and chest pain. We helped the family sign up for the Oregon Health Plan quickly so that they could access services at Doernbechers Children's Hospital in Portland. They found out that their daughter had Hodgkin's Lymphoma and began receiving treatment immediately. ... the cancer is now in remission."

Southwest Oregon OHP member

"OHP has given me a sense of security and peace of mind for the first time as an adult. ... I moved to Oregon after graduation and was unable to find a full-time job in my field of education immediately. While grateful for my part-time teaching job, health care was not offered through my work. I am now able to go to the dentist and get preventative care, while also having the ability to go to the doctor when sick rather than avoiding care for the fear of high costs."

