

Fiscal Highlights

Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Trends Since the Beginning of Mandatory Medicaid Expansion - Russell T. Frandsen

Since the beginning of the Medicaid mandatory expansion as part of federal health care reform in January 2014, the following has happened with caseloads through April 2014:

- **Medicaid** - caseloads have increased 23,700 or 9% since December 2013.
 - The consensus forecast for Medicaid included an increase largely due to currently eligible clients signing up for Medicaid as well as the elimination of an asset test.
 - The baseline caseload for Medicaid had decreased 2% or 5,700 clients from July 2013 through December 2013.
- **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)** - caseloads have decreased 17,900 or 53% since December 2013.
 - The consensus forecast for Medicaid included a large reduction in caseloads due to more children qualifying for Medicaid due to the elimination of the asset test.
 - The baseline caseload for CHIP had decreased 3% or 1,100 clients from July 2013 through December 2013.

What does it mean? There might be some additional savings if costs also come in lower than anticipated.