



The Impact of FMAP Funding: 15th Congressional District of Pennsylvania

Berks, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Northampton Counties

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Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Impacts within District

- **At least 1 in 3 children rely on Medical Assistance for health care in Berks and Lehigh Counties.**
- For the counties in this district, there are a total of **237,712 individuals who rely on Medicaid** for health care.
- In Pennsylvania, **every dollar spent in Pennsylvania’s Medicaid program generates \$2.77 in economic activity in local communities** through the purchase of needed goods and services (Source: Families USA). As a result, **Pennsylvania’s Medicaid program had an economic impact of \$5.1 billion within counties in this Congressional district**, with each county’s impact listed below.
 - Berks – \$1.2 billion
 - Lehigh – \$1.2 billion
 - Montgomery – \$2.1 billion
 - Northampton – \$627 million
- **Pennsylvania’s budget for Medical Assistance for 2010-11, which includes the FMAP extension, will support an estimated 218,000 jobs statewide** (Source: Families USA) in the health care sector (nursing homes, hospitals, home health care agencies, etc.).
- Every million dollars cut from health investments in Pennsylvania’s Medicaid budget will result in a loss of \$2.7 million in economic activity in Pennsylvania.



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Failure to Extend FMAP Could Impact Human Services and Individuals in each PA County

Failure to extend the FMAP rate will result in the state needing to find other dollars to help balance the budget. Such action could impact human services programs in the counties. Below is a table of the numbers of individuals receiving services from human services programs during fiscal year 2008-09.

Summary of Critical Human Services Received in District – FY 08-09

County	Medical Assistance	Child Welfare Services	Child Care Works Subsidies	Mental Retardation Services	Mental Health Services	Domestic Violence	Rape Crisis	Homeless Assistance
Berks	72,135	14,453	3,089	1,519	7,257	2,564	529	2,915
Lehigh	58,898	2,409	3,460	1,492	5,614	2,349	780	2,410
Montgomery	69,014	3,800	3,236	2,466	5,408	4,507	778	571
Northampton	37,665	7,493	1,978	936	3,551	2,045	452	746
District Total	237,712	28,155	11,763	6,413	21,830	11,465	2,539	6,642

Another potential impact of not receiving the FMAP extension is state furloughs. **For the counties in this district, there are a total of 5,452 full-time state employees.** The breakdown for the counties is:

- Berks – 1,731 employees
- Lehigh – 994 employees
- Montgomery – 2,108 employees
- Northampton – 619 employees

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare