Racial Health Disparities, COVID-19, and How Medicaid Can Help

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Adjusted for age, other racial groups are this many times more likely to have died of COVID-19 than White Americans.


- Pacific Islander: 2.5
- Latino: 2.5
- Black: 2.3
- Indigenous: 2.2
- White: 1
- Asian: 0.9
Policy: Medicaid & Racial Equity
Policy: Medicaid Expansion

Medicaid Expansion Reduces Hospitals’ Uncompensated Care Burden
Uncompensated care as share of total hospital expenses, by state Medicaid expansion status

Evictions Fell Sharply in Medicaid Expansion States
Evictions per 1,000 renter-occupied households

Percent of low-income adults with unpaid medical bills by year and state Medicaid-expansion status

Pre-expansion Post-expansion

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015


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0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50%
People: Public Health Workforce
Politics: Building Medicaid Beneficiaries’ Power