

# States are given the choice, and they choose to keep Medicaid expansion.

Contradicting claims that expansion states have come to regret their decisions, Republican governors in at least five expansion states have voiced their continuing support for Medicaid expansion, and several openly opposed recent Congressional efforts to repeal expansion. Likewise, Republican-led legislative bodies in several states have ratified or reauthorized their state's initial expansion. Multiple states included legislative triggers in their expansion legislation which required policymakers to reconsider expansion after a certain period. None of those states have used those legislative triggers to rollback the program.

**DESPITE BEING ABLE TO WITHDRAW FROM EXPANSION AT ANY TIME, NO STATE THAT HAS EXPANDED MEDICAID HAS LEFT THE PROGRAM. BECAUSE MEDICAID EXPANSION BENEFITS STATES.**



## ARKANSAS

Arkansas' original expansion legislation mandated that the legislature reauthorize Medicaid expansion annually. Arkansas' heavily Republican-leaning legislature has reauthorized Medicaid expansion every year since 2013, when it first approved Medicaid expansion.

## MONTANA

Montana's original Medicaid expansion legislation was effective for 5 years. In 2019, their Republican-led legislature reauthorized the program until 2025. Since the passage of expansion, Montana's uninsured rate has been cut in half and their economy has benefited, so legislators reauthorized the program to keep Montana healthy and benefit their state budget.



## NEW HAMPSHIRE

After first passing Medicaid expansion with a 2 year sunset provision, New Hampshire's Republican governor and legislature reauthorized the program for five years in 2018, saying that the program brought in significant federal funding and provided support for small businesses in NH.

