

### **Medicaid fast track testimony.**

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According to the 2014 Household Health Insurance Survey, there are 21,626 uninsured Vermonters under the age of 64 of which:

- 6,484 are Medicaid eligible
- 3,942 have access to ESI
- 1,298 are under age 18, 650 of which are eligible for Dr Dynasaur

There are 9,902 uninsured adults who are not eligible for ESI, Medicare or Medicaid.

The 6,484 uninsured Medicaid eligible adults represent 40% of the uninsured population that is aged 18-64 and has access to ESI and are therefore not eligible for Exchange subsidies

Medicaid fast track includes two options:

1. The “SNAP option” allows states to use data from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as food stamps) to identify individuals with incomes below the state’s Medicaid income eligibility threshold. Using this data, states can identify individuals who are eligible for, but not enrolled in, Medicaid. Once these individuals give consent, they can be enrolled in Medicaid without completing a full Medicaid application or undergoing a separate eligibility determination.

2. The “Parent/child option” allows states to use children’s Medicaid enrollment data to identify parents who are eligible for, but not enrolled in, Medicaid. Like the SNAP option, these parents would simply need to give consent, and would not have to complete a separate Medicaid application to enroll

For more information, Families USA Issue Brief: *Fast-Track Medicaid Enrollment Saves States Money*. [http://familiesusa.org/sites/default/files/product\\_documents/ENR\\_Enrollment%20Accelerators%20Brief\\_final\\_web.pdf](http://familiesusa.org/sites/default/files/product_documents/ENR_Enrollment%20Accelerators%20Brief_final_web.pdf)

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