

An update on the Los Angeles County Evaluation System,  
An Outcome Reporting Program

In January 2014 the Affordable Care Act (ACA) expanded healthcare coverage across California. The State-based Marketplace, known as *Covered California* will provide coverage to Californians with household incomes up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$15,856 for an individual) and 250% of the Federal Poverty Level for a family of three (\$48,825 in 2013) (DHS, 2013). As a result of the ACA, up to 1.2 million additional Californians could enroll in Medi-Cal in 2014. Due to the large population, Los Angeles County residents are expected to make up over 30% of new enrollees across the state (Jacobs et al., 2012). The below California Simulation of Insurance Markets (CalSIM) model was created by the UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education and the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. CalSIM is “a California-centric, micro-simulation model that estimates the effects of the Affordable Care Act on the enrollment of individuals in insurance coverage, has provided Covered California with eligibility and enrollment estimates by race and ethnicity, income, age, gender, region, English proficiency and current insurance status. These data are used throughout the organization to inform marketing, outreach and plan contracting strategies to ensure that resources are targeted to the areas of highest need”. (CalSIM, 2014). A summary of the estimated enrollment in Medi-Cal due to ACA in 2019 is presented below.

**Table 1. Predicted Increase in Medi-Cal Enrollment due to the ACA, Californians under Age 65 in Los Angeles County, 2019**

Los Angeles County	Eligible	Base Scenario		Enhanced Scenario	
		Predicted Take Up	Take Up Rate Under ACA	Predicted Take Up	Take Up Rate Under ACA
Eligible for Exchange Subsidies	878,000	530,000	60%	666,000	76%
Newly Eligible for Medi-Cal	402,000	223,000	55%	261,000	65%
Previously Eligible for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families but Not Enrolled	702,000	68,000	10%	153,000	22%

**Source:**

UC Berkeley / UCLA CalSIM version 1.8. For more information on CalSIM and the underlying methodology, visit [www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu/calsim](http://www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu/calsim).

As shown in Table 1, by 2019 an additional 223,000 Los Angeles County residents, who are newly eligible for Medi-Cal and under the age of 65 will enroll in Medi-Cal in the base scenario. An additional 261,000 will enroll under the enhanced scenario. In addition, about 10% of those who are previously eligible for Medi-Cal or Health Families but not enrolled (68,000 residents), will take up Medi-Cal in a base scenario, under the Affordable Care Act. In addition, 153,000 will enroll in an enhanced scenario. Further, about 530,000 of individuals eligible for exchange subsidies will enroll in the Medi-Cal under the base scenario, while an additional 666,000 individuals will enroll under the enhanced scenario.

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