



American Rescue Plan Act Impact: New Jersey

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New Jersey has made tremendous progress in ensuring residents have access to quality, affordable health coverage. Thanks to flexibilities permitted during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) and enhanced tax credits available under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) more residents have enrolled in Get Covered New Jersey than ever before. ARPA significantly increased the amount of financial help available to consumers and removed the income cap to receive assistance.

ARPA allowed New Jersey to increase the amount of state subsidies, called New Jersey Health Plan Savings, available to eligible consumers and to extend the state savings to residents at higher income levels for the first time. Those earning an annual salary of up to 600% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$77,280 for an individual and \$159,000 for a family of four) were eligible to receive state assistance, up from the pre-ARPA state subsidy threshold of 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$51,040 for an individual and \$104,800 for a family of four).

Statewide Impact:

- New Jerseyans received historic levels of financial help and the average amount of financial help received during the Open Enrollment Period was **\$545 per person each month in savings**, compared to \$485 a month last year, during the Open Enrollment Period for coverage in 2021 (pre-ARPA).
- **9 in 10** people enrolling in a health plan at Get Covered New Jersey **qualify for financial help**, and **most can find a plan for \$10 a month or less**, compared to 8 in 10 before the implementation of increased state subsidies and ARPA.
- As of January 31st, 2022, a **record total of 324,266 residents** signed up for 2022 health coverage with Get Covered New Jersey. There was a 102% increase in enrollment among the Hispanic population compared to 2021, and there was a 34% increase in enrollment among the African American residents in the state compared to last year.
- **32% of enrollees pay less than \$10 per month** for coverage compared to 13% last year.
- **28% of enrollees pay \$1 or less per month** for coverage compared to 7% previously.
- Increased affordability enabled **81% of consumers to enroll in silver or gold plans** that offer better protection from unexpected out-of-pocket costs.
- **Out-of-pocket costs decreased by \$60 per person per month** or yearly \$720 person compared to 2021 (pre-ARPA).