



The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Improved Access to Affordable Coverage for Thousands of Minnesota Consumers¹

The American Rescue Plan both increased premium assistance and eliminated the cliff at which middle-income Americans no longer qualified for financial assistance.

Unless Congress acts, these needed affordability supports will expire at the end of this year.

ARPA lowered cost and expanded access to health insurance for 121,322 Americans enrolled in coverage through MNsure.

Historic enrollment growth

ARPA's premium support drove the **highest enrollment on record**. 121,322 individuals enrolled in coverage during the recently completed open enrollment season, including 26,142 individuals who newly enrolled in coverage this year.

- Overall **enrollment increased by 8,518 or 7.6%** compared to the same period last year.
- Enrollment includes **10,385 middle-income individuals** who, for the first time, qualified for financial support.²

Substantial affordability support

Thanks to ARPA's premium assistance, consumer **premium costs fell by an average of \$1027 per year** or 31 percent for enrollees receiving tax credits.

Affordability enhancements enable greater financial security and health protections for Minnesota's consumers.

Increased purchasing power

Affordability **enabled thousands of individuals "purchase up" in 2022**, many opting for silver or gold plans that offer better financial protection from unexpected out-of-pocket costs.

- 2,149 individuals moved from bronze to silver or gold plans in 2022.
- 555 individuals moved from silver to gold plans in 2022.
- 3,009 individuals elected a plan at a higher metal tier in 2022.
- Enrollment in silver plans grew by 17.0% from 2021 to 2022.
- Enrollments in gold plans grew by 14.9% from 2021 to 2022.

¹ Factsheet is based on information and data collected from *MNsure*. *Data updated as of March 3, 2022.*

² Defined as households >400% of the federal poverty level (FPL) which include individuals making over \$54,360 per year or over \$111,000 for a family of four.



The expiration of ARPA premium affordability measures will dramatically raise premiums, disrupt markets, and increase the number of uninsured in Minnesota, with consumers feeling the impacts as soon as October.

Increased cost to consumers

MNsure estimates **69,515 enrollees will see reduced or eliminated financial support without ARPA's tax credit enhancements.**

- Without enhanced tax credits, enrollee net premium costs are expected to increase by 30-40% in 2023, an average of \$1,314 per year for those who receive tax credits.
- “Sticker shock” will begin as soon as October 2022, when customers begin to receive renewal notices for their insurance coverage.