

Democrat Leaders Say American Rescue Plan Offers Opportunity To Expand Medicaid

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The American Rescue Plan provides an incentive for states to expand Medicaid that haven't yet by temporarily increasing federal Medicaid payments by five percent for two years. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, "North Carolina would be in line for \$2.4 billion."

"For far too long, hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians have been denied access to health care. I urge my Republican colleagues in the Senate to take a fair look at this deal," said Democratic Senate Leader Dan Blue. "We have come together on key issues this year, and this is another way to show North Carolinians that the government works for the people." "The American Rescue Plan sends North Carolina yet another chance to expand Medicaid and extend coverage to so many people who need it, while costing the state zero additional taxpayer dollars," said Democratic House Leader Robert Reives. "The people of North Carolina deserve Medicaid expansion now."

"We cannot wait any longer to expand health care to more than 500,000 North Carolinians that fall in the coverage gap today," said NCDP Chair Bobbie Richardson. "The choice is clear -- we can bring billions of dollars back home to North Carolina, while providing needed health care during this pandemic, supporting our rural hospitals, and creating jobs."