



Tennessee Maternal Health Insurance

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 - Eligibility and Coverage
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Family & Children's Service Healthcare Access Programs

- Navigators and Connecting Kids to Coverage
 - Enrollment, renewal, and post-enrollment assistance for TennCare, CoverKids, and Marketplace.
- Health Assist
 - Finds callers a Free or Low Cost Medical Home for Primary Care
 - Finds callers free or low cost Prescriptions through Rx assistance programs
 - Helps callers with specialty needs, find specialty care, surgeries, treatment through available charity programs

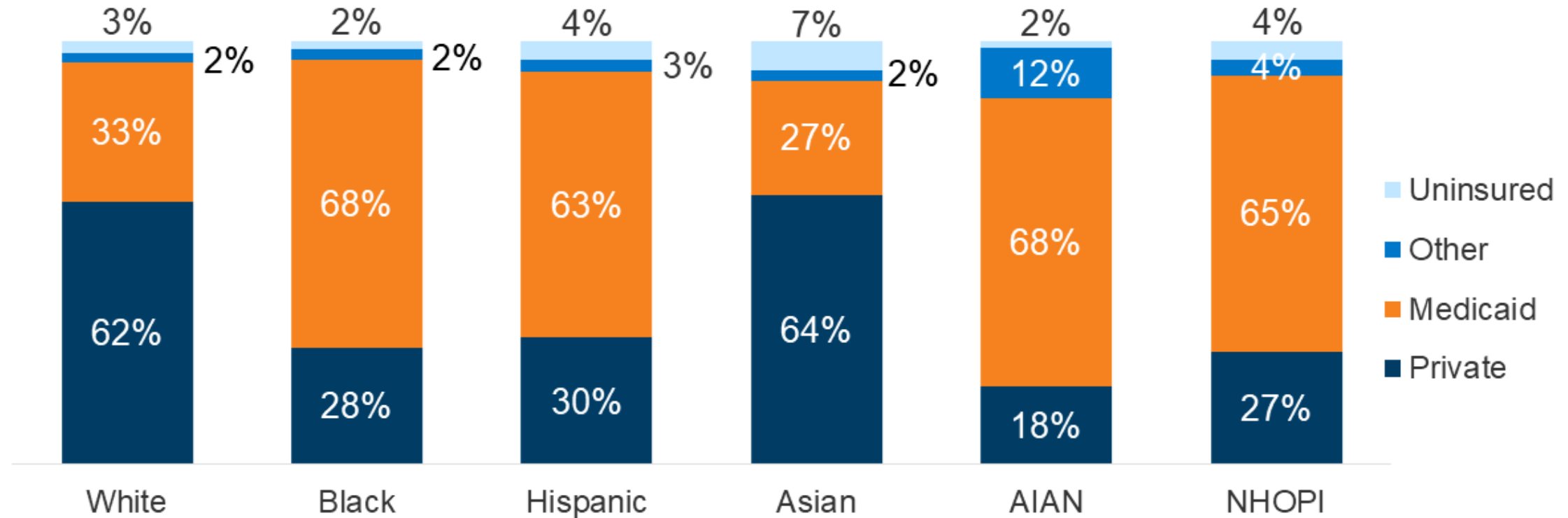
TennCare and CoverKids

Enrollment, Eligibility, and Coverage

Enrollment statistics

- **52,851 or 65.5%** of live births in TN in 2018 were to mothers who had TennCare or Medicaid. ([Kids Count Data Center](#))
- **11,271** women aged 19 and older were enrolled in CoverKids for their pregnancy in February 2021.

Share of Births by Payer and Maternal Race/Ethnicity, 2018



NOTE: AIAN refers to American Indians and Alaska Natives. NHOPI refers to Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race but are categorized as Hispanic for this analysis; other groups are non-Hispanic. Medicaid includes Medicaid or a comparable state program; other includes Indian Health Service, CHAMPUS/TRICARE, and other government.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Vital Statistics, Natality Records, 2018, WONDER Online Database.



TennCare Pregnancy Categories

Pregnant Women

- Up to 195% of FPL
- Presumptive eligibility: apply at health department

Medically Needy Spend Down

- Has resource limits

Emergency Medicaid

CoverKids

- Income limit: up to 250% of FPL
 - No immigration requirements for pregnant women
 - Cannot have any other type of insurance
 - No presumptive eligibility
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- As of January 2020, 17 states have taken the CHIP unborn option and the median upper income limit for pregnant women was 205% FPL (<https://files.kff.org/attachment/Report-Medicaid-and-CHIP-Eligibility,-Enrollment-and-Cost-Sharing-Policies-as-of-January-2020.pdf#page=40>)

Coverage

- TennCare and CoverKids cover pregnancy care without copays
- Does not include dental health benefits for adults
- Does include mental health and physical health not directly related to the pregnancy
- 60 days of post-partum care
- MCOs have case managers and additional benefits through pregnancy care coordination programs

Recent Changes

ARPA and Pandemic Emergency Response

Extending Post-partum coverage

- The American Rescue Plan Act gives states the option, for five years, to extend pregnancy-related Medicaid and CHIP eligibility to 12 months. States can opt to do this beginning April 2022.
- Black Maternal Health Week: Last week, Illinois was the first state to expand Medicaid coverage to a full 12-month post partum period.
- In 2019, TennCare listed a 12-month post partum period and dental benefits for pregnant women as 2 of their 5 “priorities for program innovation” for how to use potential savings under their modified block grant proposal to CMS.

TennCare's COVID-19 Emergency Response

- Effective March 18, 2020 TennCare and CoverKids terminations have paused.
 - If a person requests a voluntary termination of coverage, if they move out of state, or if they were covered under CoverKids or Presumptive Eligibility for a pregnancy their coverage could still terminate.
- All TennCare and CoverKids renewals have paused until the end of the emergency.

F&CS Partnerships for Maternal Health

Prenatal Clinics

- St. Thomas Holy Family, La Paz, WIC, Matthew Walker

TennCare

- Addressing barriers to enrollment directly with TennCare.
 - CoverKids eligible pregnant women being asked for immigration status
 - Glitches on TennCare Connect- language and login issues
 - phone loop

Clients

- Addressing fear of enrollment and lack of information
- Decreasing barriers caused by literacy and access to technology

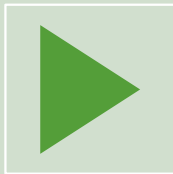
Connecting to F&CS



Online: <http://www.getcoveredtenn.org/>



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqVQIDV9XDA&feature=youtu.be>

Thank you!

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