

GAO: Medicaid Expenditures Totaled \$460 Billion For 2013

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - A Government Accountability Office (GAO) report has found that the U.S. taxpayer funded \$460 billion worth of health care services for Medicaid recipients in 2013.

In addition, the report concludes that a "small percentage of Medicaid-only enrollees—that is, those who were not also eligible for Medicare—consistently accounted for a large percentage of total Medicaid expenditures for Medicaid-only enrollees. In each fiscal year from 2009 through 2011, the most expensive 5 percent of Medicaid-only enrollees accounted for almost half of the expenditures for all Medicaid-only enrollees. In contrast, the least expensive 50 percent of Medicaid-only enrollees accounted for less than 8 percent of the expenditures for these enrollees."

The GAO report can be found at <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-460>.