Minnesota’s 2011 Medicaid Expansion Brought Coverage to More Low-income Men

In March 2011, Minnesota expanded Medicaid coverage to 84,000 low-income individuals.

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As a result, there is great interest in studying Minnesota’s early expansion to make predictions about the effects of the 2014 Medicaid expansion.

MINNESOTA was one of the few states that expanded Medicaid early (before 2014) under the Affordable Care Act.

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The only noticeable DIFFERENCES were...

New Medicaid enrollees live in neighborhoods with higher average poverty rates (p<.01)

and significantly more males enrolled following the expansion (p<.001).