Understanding Medicaid AVR

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What is Medicaid?

Health coverage program that serves:

- Low income children and parents
- Pregnant women
- Frail elderly
- Blind and disabled
- [In 38 states] Low income adults with or without children

Federal / state partnership program

Serves both citizens and immigrants

Medicaid Enrollees and Democracy

Medicaid enrollees correlate with those that are most likely to be left off voter rolls:

- Low Income
- Persons with Disabilities
- New Voters / Young Voters
- People who move often

Research shows a negative correlation between Medicaid enrollment and voter registration

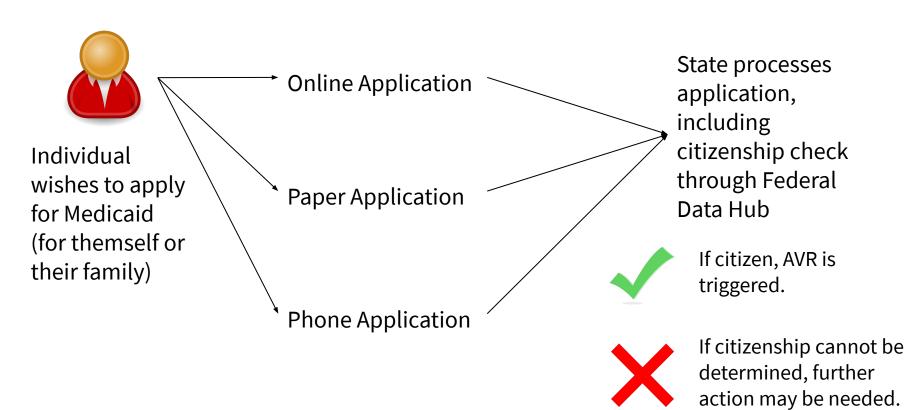
Why Medicaid for AVR?

Medicaid reaches communities that other agencies might not reach.

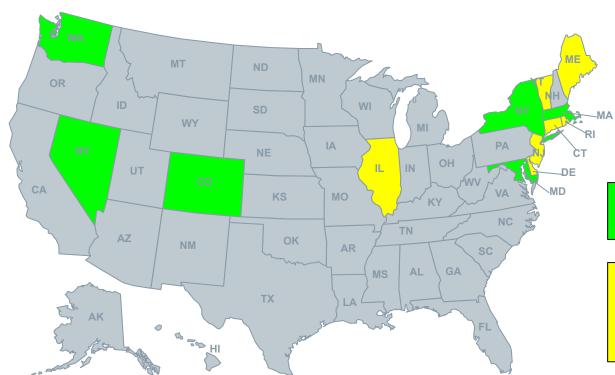
Medicaid is already required to assist in voter registration as part of the National Voter Registration Act.

Medicaid collects all necessary information *and* verifies citizenship.

How would an AVR system work in Medicaid?



Where is Medicaid AVR in process?



States with Medicaid AVR in statute

States that could allow Medicaid AVR through agency partnership