Child Support and the Affordable Care Act

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Medicaid Eligibility Today
Limited to Specific Low-Income Groups

Medicaid Eligibility in 2014
Extends to Adults ≤138% FPL*

Elderly & Persons with Disabilities

Children

Pregnant Women

Parents

Adults
Effects of ACA Medicaid Expansions

- Financial health & well-being
- Health & substance abuse treatment use
- Crime
Administrative Efficiencies

CS Income in Medicaid Eligibility

Cooperation Agreement Among Custodial Parents

Birth Costs Recovery for Medicaid Births

Medical Expenses in Order Determination
DATA & METHODS

OCSE 2001-2017
N=867

CPS ASEC 2010-2018
N=79,227
MAIN RESULTS
Amount of current support increases by 1.0-2.7%**
Receipt of CS income rises by 5%**
CS from wage withholding rises by $4^{**}$ to 8%
POLICY IMPLICATIONS

1. Medicaid expansion is associated with increased child support payment amounts

2. Medicaid eligibility is an additional tool for CSE beyond traditional approaches

3. Large public programs are connected in a variety of ways
Thank you!

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