

2026 Health Care Hero Governor Janet T. Mills



Achievements in Health Care 2019 – 2026

- Voter-approved Medicaid expansion implemented on day one in office. Nearly 100,000 Mainers enrolled in comprehensive health coverage and have improved access to health care, including preventive care, prescription drugs, cancer screenings, substance use treatment, and mental health services.
- Appointed first Director of Opioid Response to the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future.
- Codified key ACA consumer protections into Maine law, including coverage for people with preexisting conditions and essential health benefits.
- Banned conversion therapy.
- Improved abortion access by expanding provider types and prohibiting discrimination in health insurance.
- Enacted comprehensive prescription drug pricing reform package and submitted Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program application to the federal government.
- Signed into law a bill that created the Insulin Safety Net Program.
- Restored and expanded Low-Cost Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled Program.

- Enacted “The Made for Maine Health Coverage Act,” which made some primary and behavioral medical visits free or more affordable.
- Restored funding for the Maine CDC, including funding for Public Health Nurses.
- Provided access to free COVID-19 screening, testing and vaccines for all Maine people.
- Protected Mainers during the COVID-19 pandemic: achieved one of the highest rates of vaccination nationwide, with more than 80 percent of the state's total population vaccinated.
- Strengthened health insurance consumer protections to ensure adequate access to providers, telehealth services, and prescription drugs during pandemic.
- Created OPTIONS Program to support Mainers with substance use disorder. Addressed Maine’s opioid crisis by improving access to Naloxone and investing in residential treatment and recovery centers, resulting in Maine’s largest decrease in drug overdose deaths Since 2018.
- Increased funding for critical MaineCare services including health care, family planning and long-term care services and supports for older Mainers, people with behavioral health challenges, adults with intellectual or physical disabilities, and ambulance services in rural areas.
- Launched “MaineMOM Program” focusing on maternal health and opioid use disorder.
- Launched Maine’s state-based exchange, CoverME.gov. More than 66,000 Mainers enrolled during CoverME.gov’s first Open Enrollment Period. Maine experienced the nation’s largest decline in uninsured rate from 2019 -2021.
- Implemented Small Business Health Insurance Premium Relief Program.
- Children and pregnant people became eligible for MaineCare, regardless of immigration status.
- 200,000 Mainers gained access to comprehensive dental coverage through new MaineCare benefit.
- Safeguarded abortion providers and access after Roe v. Wade was overturned and preserved and expanded access to reproductive health care rights.
- Decreased average health plan premiums for small businesses for the first time in over 20 Years under Maine’s first-in-the-nation innovation waiver.
- Launched new, improved MyMaineConnection.gov, helping Mainers apply for MaineCare, SNAP and TANF.
- Extended postpartum MaineCare coverage from 60 days to 12 Months,
- Office of MaineCare Services awarded National Association of Medicaid Directors’ 2022 Spotlight Award.
- Implemented certified “Community Behavioral Health Clinics” model in Maine to provide comprehensive mental health and substance use services.
- Signed bill to fund additional child Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams.
- Implemented the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, strengthening Maine's health care workforce.
- Signed a bill into law to shield Mainers from medical debt.
- Funded Maine's first Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) for Maine youth.
- Signed bill to formally recognize the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in Maine statute.

For more a more comprehensive list and details visit: [Health Care | Office of Governor Janet T. Mills](https://www1.maine.gov/governor/mills/issues/health-care)

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