

SOONERCARE FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE

DID YOU KNOW?

For every dollar the state spent on SoonerCare in SFY17, the federal government matched \$1.51 for a total of \$2.51.

What It Is

The Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), commonly referred to as the state's "match rate", is used to determine the amount of federal funds provided to states for qualifying expenditures in their Medicaid programs. It is calculated annually using a formula outlined in the Social Security Act. Personal income is the key variable in the FMAP formula.

FMAP is based on a rolling three-year average per capita income for each state relative to the national average. The income data is produced by the Department of Commerce. The inherent data lag in the calculation means that FMAP does not respond quickly to a state's economy.

How It Works

- For every dollar the state spends on Medicaid, the federal government matches at a rate that varies year to year. By law, the FMAP cannot be less than 50 percent.
- FMAPs adjust on a three-year cycle to account for fluctuations in a state's economy.
- Section 1905(b) of the Act specifies the formula for calculating FMAP for states.
- The Social Security Act requires the secretary of Health and Human Services to calculate and publish the FMAPs each year.

*Federal fiscal years are between October 1 and September 30.

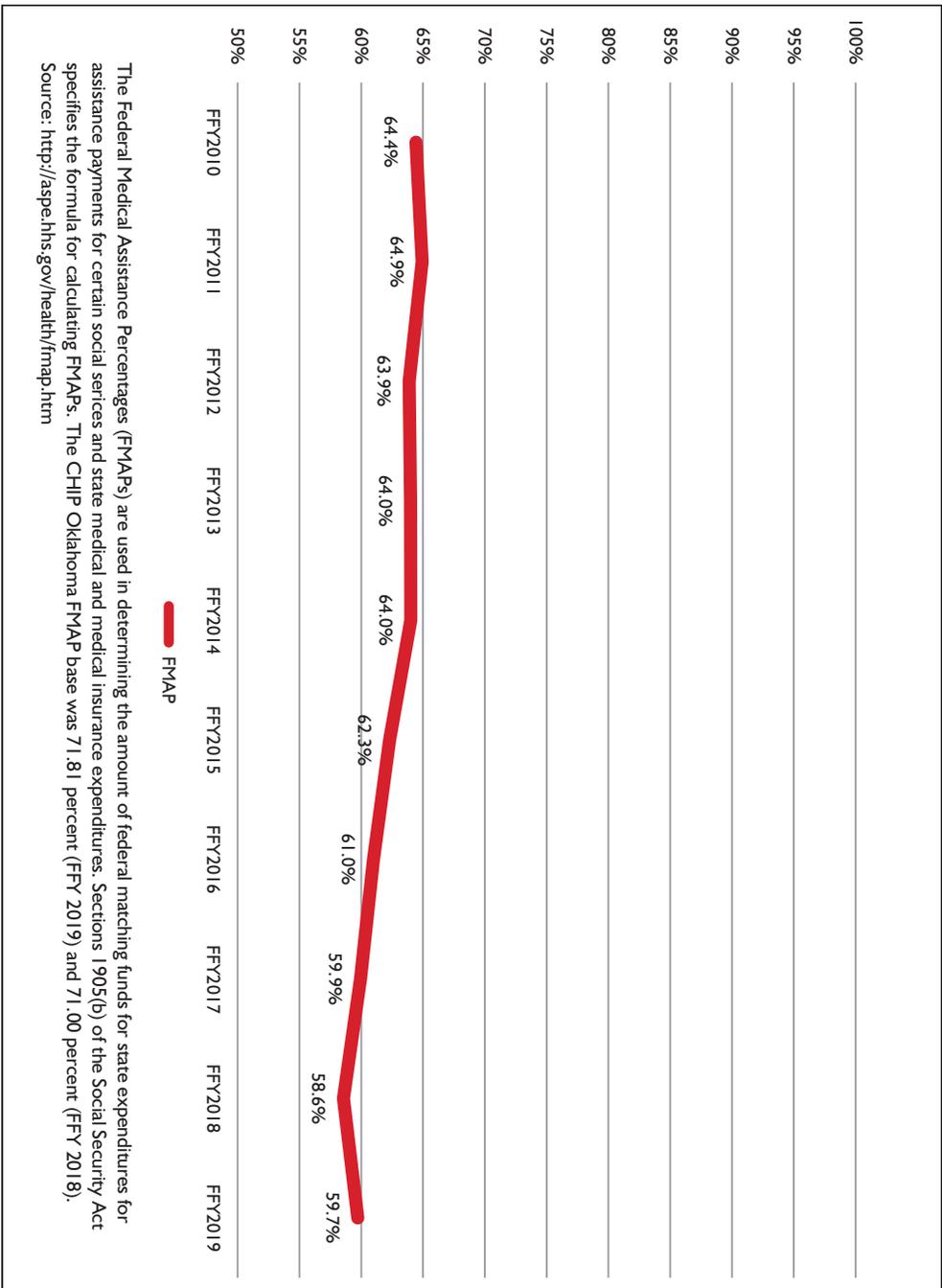
IMPACT TO OKLAHOMA

Since the economy was doing well compared to other states, Oklahoma received another reduction in federal matching funds that started on Oct. 1, 2017. Oklahoma's standard FMAP for federal fiscal year* (FFY) 2017 was 59.9 percent and is 58.6 percent for FFY 2018. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority expects a loss of \$41 million.



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The Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAPs) are used in determining the amount of federal matching funds for state expenditures for assistance payments for certain social services and state medical and medical insurance expenditures. Sections 1905(b) of the Social Security Act specifies the formula for calculating FMAPs. The CHIP Oklahoma FMAP base was 71.81 percent (FFY 2019) and 71.00 percent (FFY 2018).
 Source: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/fmap.htm>

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