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Carolina expanded Medicaid, the following subpopulations of the 400,000 uninsured individuals could be eligible for coverage:

- **Older North Carolinians**: 87,000 between the ages of 50 and 64
- **Women and men**: 188,000 men and 213,000 women ages 19 to 64; 42,000 men and 45,000 women ages 50 to 64
- **People of different races and ethnicities (ages 19 to 64)**: 233,000 white; 112,000 Hispanic; 98,000 African American; 9,000 American Indian and Alaska Native; 7,000 Asian American; and less than 100 Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander.

**Future Outlook and Funding Considerations**

As COVID-19 and other health and economic challenges continue to disproportionately affect low-income individuals, Medicaid expansion could protect North Carolina’s vulnerable populations and its state budget. **In North Carolina, net state budget savings from the federal incentive for Medicaid expansion over calendar years 2023 and 2024 would be $985,369,000—$1,618,878,000 in savings versus $633,509,000 in costs.** North Carolina policy makers should carefully consider these estimates as they contemplate policy options.

**Millions of people in the United States are still ineligible for Medicaid health coverage in states that have not expanded their programs as allowed under federal law. To date, 12 states have yet to modify their income eligibility limits since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed in 2010. In North Carolina, up to 765,000 individuals would be eligible for Medicaid in 2023 if state lawmakers moved forward.**

* According to analyses conducted for AARP’s Public Policy Institute by the health policy consulting firm Avalere.