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**Comment** - I'm a bit behind on handling the machines (computers) that have aided the projections of how many expanded Medicaid enrollees there will be. But the fact is I trust them to a big extent, for example, keep track of my charges. I trust them to give us better weather predictions. I don't trust them or their operators, for example, to keep an easily accessible record of all the calls of all Americans over years without wasting a lot of money, a lot of labor (human labor), and a lot of hard drive space. For sure I can trust them, though, to project a working number of folks who will enter into an expanded Medicaid program...a maximum number. When people ask, "Where will the money come from," I trust the projections summarized at this article in the section "Federal deficit" "CBO estimates of impact on deficit" (almost at mid page). "The 2011 comprehensive CBO estimate projected a net deficit reduction of more than \$200 billion during the 2012–2021 period:[229] [230] it calculated the law would result in \$604 billion in total outlays offset by \$813 billion in total receipts, resulting in a \$210 billion net reduction in the deficit." A rundown on the how ACA will reduce the deficit is given in a following paragraph beginning: "Major sources of deficit reduction include:[184] higher Medicare taxes on the wealthy; new annual fees on health insurance providers; similar fees on the healthcare industry such as manufacturers and importers of brand-name pharmaceutical drugs and certain medical devices..."[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patient\\_Protection\\_and\\_Affordable\\_Care\\_Act#State\\_rejections\\_of\\_Medicaid\\_expansion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patient_Protection_and_Affordable_Care_Act#State_rejections_of_Medicaid_expansion) Another highly credible source I feel is the article found at this url.<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/healthcare/report/2011/02/09/9052/health-care-reform-without-the-individual-mandate/>