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Research question from manuscript:

What is the long term impact of Medicaid expansion on tax receipts of those who became eligible for Medicaid during childhood?

I think the authors answered this question to an extent. They did not really address how the dose response relationship may be non-linear (besides playing this lip service in the discussion). This question is important though since additional expansions of Medicare may have either diminishing returns or exponentially increasing returns.

Discussion questions:

1. I am curious how the results would have changed among different races/ethnicities and not just between the sexes. They certainly had a large enough sample size to tease this out.
2. What sort of predictions could be made about the effects of the ACA medicare expansion?
3. I am not familiar with the instrumental variable methodology so I can’t really evaluate the assumptions that went into their model, but that gives me something to learn more about!