



Louisiana's Medicaid Expansion



**Bottom line
reasons why we
can't afford *not* to
expand Medicaid.**



1 Will reduce the number of Louisianans without health insurance by an estimated 39%.¹

2 Over \$15.8 billion in new federal dollars received will generate millions of new dollars in the state's economy.²

3 Improves care. Extending Medicaid coverage for the poor reduces the need for emergency room visits and promotes prevention and productivity. Today, childless adults in Louisiana are not eligible for full Medicaid coverage.³

4 Medicaid expansion will ensure that federal tax dollars stay in our state instead of leaving our state to subsidize expansion – and other indirect benefits, such as creating new jobs – in other states.

5 In 2016 alone, Medicaid expansion would create an estimated 15,600 new jobs across all sectors of Louisiana's economy.⁴

6 Under expansion, the higher match rate only covers those newly eligible. An increase in enrollment, and therefore Medicaid costs, by those previously eligible (the "woodwork effect") will be realized with or without expansion due to both a greater awareness of health reform and the new requirement to have health coverage.

7 Expansion, in conjunction with a robust *Health Insurance Marketplace*, will help small businesses get better value for their coverage dollars, lowering their healthcare costs and making them more competitive.

8 The many multiplier benefits of expansion (better economy, healthier, more reliable workforce) will improve our state's business climate, helping us retain businesses and recruit out-of-state businesses.

¹ "Louisiana's Uninsured Population Report," March 2012, Louisiana State University's Division for Economic Development and Forecasting & The Public Policy Research Lab; Holahan, Buettgens, Carroll & Dorn, "The Cost and Coverage Implications of the ACA Medicaid Expansion: National and State-by-State Analysis," November 2012. Kaiser Family Foundation & Urban Institute.

² Holahan, Buettgens, Carroll & Dorn, "The Cost and Coverage Implications of the ACA Medicaid Expansion: National and State-by-State Analysis," November 2012, Kaiser Family Foundation & Urban Institute.

³ Kaiser Family Foundation State Health Facts, Adult Eligibility Limits, January 2013.

⁴ "Medicaid Expansion: An Opportunity to Invest in Louisiana's Workforce," September 2012, Louisiana Budget Project.

⁵ Macroeconomic analysis conducted by the Regional Economic Model, Inc. February 2013.

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THE BENEFITS OF MEDICAID EXPANSION IN LOUISIANA

Coverage

-39%

2010
2020

Number of Uninsured

Total number of uninsured reduced by 424,000, or 39%

Federal Dollars Received

An additional \$15.8 billion federal dollars

2013
2022

+\$15.8 billion

State Medicaid Spending

An additional \$1.2 billion, but recouped through other savings⁵

2013
2022

+\$1.2 billion

Costs and Revenue

New Job Creation

15,600 new jobs for Louisiana in 2016 alone

2016

+15,600 jobs

Jobs

Expanding Medicaid is a pivotal decision.