



## **The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Wisconsin: The Cost of Inaction**

### **Wisconsin Families Suffer**

#### **Wisconsin insurance premiums skyrocket**

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,478. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$11,658. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$24,812, a 113 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 46.2 percent of projected Wisconsin median family income. [New America Foundation, 11/2008; New America Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

#### **More uninsured Wisconsinites**

- ✓ Every day, 230 Wisconsinites lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, 3/23/2009]
- ✓ During the last two years, 1,246,000 Wisconsinites under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 25.9 percent of the under 65 population. [Families USA, 4/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 465,762 Wisconsinites under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 9.6 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 8/5/2009]

#### **Wisconsinites pay higher premiums due to the uninsured**

- ✓ Wisconsin families pay a “hidden tax” of \$900 on their health insurance premiums due to the unpaid costs of care for the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, 3/23/2009]

### **Wisconsin Businesses Suffer**

#### **Fewer Wisconsinites have health coverage at work**

- ✓ In 2002, 72.6 percent of Wisconsinites under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 69.5 percent of Wisconsinites had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

#### **Fewer Wisconsin small businesses offer health coverage**

- ✓ In 2000, 47.5 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, 40.8 percent of small businesses offered health benefits. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]

### **Wisconsin Economy Suffers**

#### **Health care spending climbs**

- ✓ In 2004, Wisconsin spent \$31.2 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 9/2007; CMS 2/2007]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$5,670 per capita, and is 14.8 percent of the Gross State Product. [CMS, 9/2007; CMS 2/2007]

#### **Lost economic output of the uninsured due to shorter lives and poorer health**

- ✓ This year, the Wisconsin economy will lose \$1.5 billion - \$3.0 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, 5/29/2009]