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The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Arkansas: The Cost of Inaction

Arkansas Families Suffer

Arkansas insurance premiums skyrocket

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$4,539. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$9,928. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$21,715, a 119 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 48.4 percent of projected Arkansas median family income. [New America Foundation, 11/2008; New America Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

More uninsured Arkansans

- ✓ Every day, 80 Arkansans lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, 3/23/2009]
- ✓ During the last two years, 836,000 Arkansans under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 34 percent of the under 65 population. [Families USA, 4/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 485,849 Arkansans under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 19.9 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 8/5/2009]

Arkansans pay higher premiums due to the uninsured

- ✓ Arkansas families pay a “hidden tax” of \$1,500 on their health insurance premiums due to the unpaid costs of care for the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, 3/23/2009]

Fewer choices due to consolidated market

- ✓ The two largest health insurance companies in Arkansas have a combined market share of 81 percent. [Health Care for America Now, 7/15/2009]

Arkansas Businesses Suffer

Fewer Arkansans have health coverage at work

- ✓ In 2002, 56.9 percent of Arkansans under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 53.5 percent of Arkansans had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

Fewer Arkansas small businesses offer health coverage

- ✓ In 2000, 32.0 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, 29.3 percent of small businesses offered health benefits. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]

Arkansas Economy Suffers

Health care spending climbs

- ✓ In 2004, Arkansas spent \$13.4 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 9/2007; CMS 2/2007]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$4,863 per capita, and is 15.4 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 Arkansas economy will lose \$1.2 billion - \$2.4 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, 5/29/2009]