



RESPONSIBLE REFORM FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS DEMOCRATS . SENATE . GOV / REFORM

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

California Families Suffer

California insurance premiums skyrocket

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,143. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$11,493. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$25,682, a 123 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 41.2 percent of projected California median family income. [New America Foundation, 11/2008; New America Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

More uninsured Californians

- ✓ Every day, 2,190 Californians lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, 3/23/2009]
- ✓ During the last two years, 12,096,000 Californians under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 37.4 percent of the under 65 population. [Families USA, 4/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 6,701,890 Californians under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 20.4 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 8/5/2009]

Californians pay higher premiums due to the uninsured

- ✓ California families pay a “hidden tax” of \$1,400 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 California have a combined market share of 44 percent. [Health Care for America Now, 7/15/2009]

California Businesses Suffer

Fewer Californians have health coverage at work

- ✓ In 2002, 58.4 percent of Californians under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 54.7 percent of Californians had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

California Economy Suffers

Health care spending climbs

- ✓ In 2004, California spent \$166.2 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 9/2007; CMS 2/2007]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$4,638 per capita, and is 11 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 California economy will lose \$18.3 billion - \$36.7 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, 5/29/2009]