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

### **Florida Families Suffer**

#### **Florida insurance premiums skyrocket**

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,453. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$11,046. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$22,376, a 103 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 42.7 percent of projected Florida median family income. [New America Foundation, 11/2008; New America Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

#### **More uninsured Floridians**

- ✓ Every day, 850 Floridians lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, 3/23/2009]
- ✓ During the last two years, 5,756,000 Floridians under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 38.1 percent of the under 65 population. [Families USA, 4/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 3,738,230 Floridians under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 24.4 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 8/5/2009]

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

- ✓ Florida 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 Florida have a combined market share of 45 percent. [Health Care for America Now, 7/15/2009]

### **Florida Businesses Suffer**

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

- ✓ In 2002, 60.1 percent of Floridians under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 56.1 percent of Floridians had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

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

- ✓ In 2000, 45.6 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, 38.9 percent of small businesses offered health benefits. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]

### **Florida Economy Suffers**

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

- ✓ In 2004, Florida spent \$95.2 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 9/2007; CMS 2/2007]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$5,483 per capita, and is 15.6 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 Florida economy will lose \$9.4 billion - \$19 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, 5/29/2009]