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

### **Mississippi Families Suffer**

#### **Mississippi insurance premiums skyrocket**

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$4,571. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$9,769. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$20,878, a 114 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 55.2 percent of projected Mississippi median family income. [New America Foundation, 11/2008; New America Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

#### **More uninsured Mississippians**

- ✓ Every day, 130 Mississippians lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, 3/23/2009]
- ✓ During the last two years, 950,000 Mississippians under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 37.1 percent of the under 65 population. [Families USA, 4/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 572,555 Mississippians under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 22.1 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 8/5/2009]

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

- ✓ Mississippi families pay a “hidden tax” of \$800 on their health insurance premiums due to the unpaid costs of care for the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, 3/23/2009]

### **Mississippi Businesses Suffer**

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

- ✓ In 2002, 55.1 percent of Mississippians under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 51 percent of Mississippians had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

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

- ✓ In 2000, 36.4 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, 27.9 percent of small businesses offered health benefits. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]

### **Mississippi Economy Suffers**

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

- ✓ In 2004, Mississippi spent \$14.6 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 9/2007; CMS 2/2007]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$5,059 per capita, and is 18.1 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 Mississippi economy will lose \$1.3 billion - \$2.6 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, 5/29/2009]