



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

### **Arizona Families Suffer**

#### **Arizona insurance premiums skyrocket**

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,355. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$11,549. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$24,909, a 116 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 46.1 percent of projected Arizona median family income. [New America Foundation, 11/2008; New America Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

#### **More uninsured Arizonans**

- ✓ Every day, 280 Arizonans lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, 3/23/2009]
- ✓ During the last two years, 2,117,000 Arizonans under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 37.5 percent of the under 65 population. [Families USA, 4/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 1,237,322 Arizonans under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 21.8 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 8/5/2009]

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

- ✓ Arizona families pay a “hidden tax” of \$1,700 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 Arizona have a combined market share of 65 percent. [Health Care for America Now, 7/15/2009]

### **Arizona Businesses Suffer**

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

- ✓ In 2002, 60.1 percent of Arizonans under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 53.6 percent of Arizonans had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

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

- ✓ In 2000, 49.9 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, 32.3 percent of small businesses offered health benefits. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]

### **Arizona Economy Suffers**

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

- ✓ In 2004, Arizona spent \$23.6 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 9/2007; CMS 2/2007]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$4,103 per capita, and is 12.5 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 Arizona economy will lose \$3.1 billion - \$6.2 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, 5/29/2009]