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

Georgia Families Suffer

Georgia insurance premiums skyrocket

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,110. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$10,793. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$22,796, a 111 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 41.3 percent of projected Georgia median family income. [New America Foundation, [11/2008](#); New America Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]

More uninsured Georgians

- ✓ Every day, 430 Georgians lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, [3/23/2009](#)]
- ✓ During the last two years, 2,929,000 Georgians 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, 1,660,156 Georgians under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 19.3 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [8/5/2009](#)]

Georgians pay higher premiums due to the uninsured

- ✓ Georgia families pay a “hidden tax” of \$900 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 Georgia have a combined market share of 69 percent. [Health Care for America Now, [7/15/2009](#)]

Georgia Businesses Suffer

Fewer Georgians have health coverage at work

- ✓ In 2002, 65.5 percent of Georgians under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2007, 60.5 percent of Georgians had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]

Fewer Georgia small businesses offer health coverage

- ✓ In 2000, 38.2 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/16/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2006, 33.5 percent of small businesses offered health benefits. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/16/2009](#)]

Georgia Economy Suffers

Health care spending climbs

- ✓ In 2004, Georgia spent \$41.1 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), [9/2007](#); CMS [2/2007](#)]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$4,600 per capita, and is 12.2 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 Georgia economy will lose \$4.5 billion - \$9.0 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, [5/29/2009](#)]