



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

Louisiana Families Suffer

Louisiana insurance premiums skyrocket

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,039. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$10,796. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$23,133, a 114 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 59.6 percent of projected Louisiana median family income. [New America Foundation, 11/2008; New America Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

More uninsured Louisianians

- ✓ Every day, 180 Louisianians lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, 3/23/2009]
- ✓ During the last two years, 1,327,000 Louisianians under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 36.2 percent of the under 65 population. [Families USA, 4/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 848,463 Louisianians under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 23.1 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 8/5/2009]

Louisianians pay higher premiums due to the uninsured

- ✓ Louisiana 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 Louisiana have a combined market share of 74 percent. [Health Care for America Now, 7/15/2009]

Louisiana Businesses Suffer

Fewer Louisianians have health coverage at work

- ✓ In 2002, 56.9 percent of Louisianians under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 52.5 percent of Louisianians had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

Fewer Louisiana small businesses offer health coverage

- ✓ In 2000, 34.1 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, 32.7 percent of small businesses offered health benefits. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/16/2009]

Louisiana Economy Suffers

Health care spending climbs

- ✓ In 2004, Louisiana spent \$22.7 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 9/2007; CMS 2/2007]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$5,040 per capita, and is 14.2 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 Louisiana economy will lose \$2.0 billion - \$4.0 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, 5/29/2009]