



The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Nevada: The Cost of Inaction

Nevada Families Suffer

Nevada insurance premiums skyrocket

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,031. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$9,746. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$18,879, a 94 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 32.4 percent of projected Nevada median family income. [New America Foundation, 11/2008; New America Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

More uninsured Nevadans

- ✓ Every day, 220 Nevadans lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, 3/23/2009]
- ✓ During the last two years, 841,000 Nevadans under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 37.2 percent of the under 65 population. [Families USA, 4/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 468,808 Nevadans under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 20.7 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 8/5/2009]

Nevadans pay higher premiums due to the uninsured

- ✓ Nevada families pay a “hidden tax” of \$1,300 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 Nevada have a combined market share of 57 percent. [Health Care for America Now, 7/15/2009]

Nevada Businesses Suffer

Fewer Nevadans have health coverage at work

- ✓ In 2002, 68.8 percent of Nevadans under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]
- ✓ In 2007, 65 percent of Nevadans had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 6/15/2009]

Nevada Economy Suffers

Health care spending climbs

- ✓ In 2004, Nevada spent \$10.7 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 9/2007; CMS 2/2007]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$4,569 per capita, and is 11 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 Nevada economy will lose \$1.4 billion - \$2.7 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, 5/29/2009]