

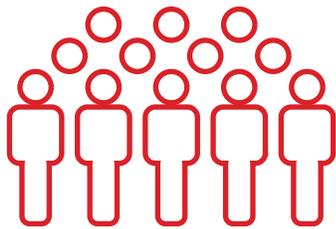


Building Our Health. Building Our Economy.

MEDICAID EXPANSION CREATES A HEALTHIER BOTTOM LINE.

Available, affordable healthcare allows individuals to work and provide for their families and communities. Private health insurance is often too expensive or not available for South Carolinians. It's also expensive for employers: **70% of SC's small businesses can't afford to offer it, and only 49% of SC workers have private insurance. That leaves a big gap!**

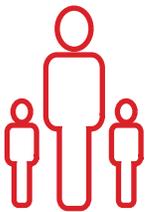
Accessing federal dollars for Medicaid expansion is smart business for South Carolina. Among the benefits:



345,000

South Carolinians, the majority uninsured, will gain access to affordable healthcare coverage...

Which means fewer lost work days, fewer emergency room visits and less strain on our community.



Eligibility

Adult income eligibility for 3-person family

Today with SC Medicaid:
Less than \$16,656

With Medicaid Expansion:
Up to \$34,307



61%

of Medicaid recipients are employed.

Expanded healthcare access is **Good For Business**. 35% of Medicaid recipients do not work because they care for dependents, are in training/school or are too ill. Many will return to work or could with improved healthcare access.

Medicaid expansion would trigger economic growth and state budget savings in SC:



31,000

new jobs will be created – half outside of healthcare.



\$7.6 BILLION

in state's personal income growth over 3 years, generating \$68 million in new tax revenue.



\$192 MILLION

in savings annually on state-funded programs (*rough estimate based on other states' experience*).

Medicaid expansion in SC would improve the health and financial self-sufficiency of SC's workforce:



47%

decrease in family medical debt.



12%

decrease in mortality by year four.



2%

decrease in mortality in lung, breast and colorectal cancer from screening and earlier diagnosis.



18%

increase in access to diabetes care.



39%

more cholesterol-lowering prescriptions written.



31%

more hypertension controlling medications prescribed.

This is a bipartisan issue – Polls show 69% of SC Republicans support Medicaid expansion, while 73% of Independents and 96% of Democrats also support it.

Ask yourself: what does it cost South Carolina to refuse Medicaid expansion?