

Why We Need to Close the Healthcare Coverage Gap

In SC, 400,000 adults 19-64 have **no** health insurance. (2022 Data)

- **79% of SC small businesses** - more than any state except Alaska - don't offer it¹
- Among the one-quarter of workers nationwide with the lowest wages, almost **2/3 aren't eligible** for their employer insurance²
- Many low income workers don't qualify for the exchange

Can SC Afford to Cover More Adults? **Yes!**

- **340,000 South Carolinians** would gain access to affordable health coverage if we expand Medicaid³
- SC would only invest 10% of the total cost (\$356 million in FY28), 2-3% of the state-funded budget
- The SC investment would bring the 90% federal match - a **net \$7.2 billion** in the first 3 years. Additionally, **SC would get a \$904 million** Federal bonus in 2026 and 2027 - **covering almost the first 3 years** of the state's cost⁴
- The experience of other states shows the new tax revenue from economic growth and savings in state programs largely offsets the state's long term cost⁴

Medicaid Today

- Only covers **parents** earning **less than \$17,856** (3 person family)
- *(pregnant and post-partum women have higher income eligibility)*

Medicaid Expansion

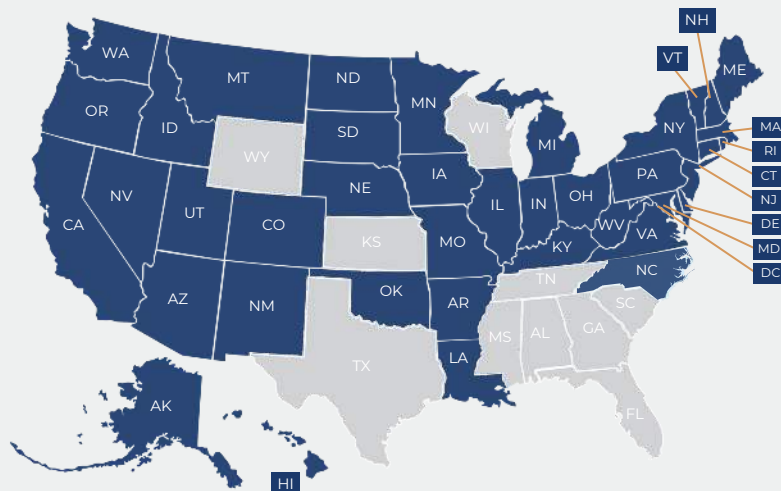
- Covers parents earning **less than \$36,777** (3 person family)
- Also covers **all adults** earning less than **\$21,597** (single adult).

Don't Let SC Be Left Behind

40 states and DC have already closed the gap

If South Carolina does not close the healthcare gap, we lose **\$28 BILLION** in federal funds over 10 years to other states⁴

- Not Adopted
- Adopted and Implemented



Most people on Medicaid in the US work, and work hard.

Data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey

Nationally 92% of people on Medicaid 19-64 work, take care of dependents full-time or have a serious illness or disability that prevents work.

- **64%** work (occupations include: construction, food service, janitorial, retail, child care and personal care); **7%** are in school or training
- **12%** care for dependents full-time; **10%** have a serious illness/disability

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Closing the Gap Leads to a Stronger Economy



29,000

new jobs will be created
over three years



\$345 Million

in new tax revenue
over three years



\$12 Billion

in economic output over
three years

Closing the Gap Improves Health and Family Financial Independence



12%

decrease in mortality⁶
by year four for those
ages 55-64



47%

decrease in⁷
family
medical debt



18%

increase in⁸
access to
diabetes care



31%

more hypertension⁹
controlling
prescriptions written



20%

decrease in¹⁰
maternal mortality

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