Louisiana Medicaid Expansion

The right social, economic, and moral choice for Louisiana.

672,000 Louisianans do not have health insurance.

Percent of adults without health insurance who are working full or part-time jobs: 56%

- Food Service Workers: 34,000
- Retail Salespeople: 25,000
- Construction Workers: 24,000
- Cleaning Staff: 22,000
- Office Staff: 17,000

The Facts

Expanding Medicaid would increase economic activity in Louisiana by $1.8 billion in 2016.

Medicaid expansion could create 15,600 new jobs in Louisiana.

Healthcare access would improve the physical and mental health outcomes of 289,000 uninsured adults.

Planning for the Future

- Healthier people equals a stronger workforce.
- Health insurance improves family economic security.
- Expanding Medicaid supports insurers’ efforts to reduce healthcare costs.

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The Details

For every $1 Louisiana invests in expanding Medicaid, it will receive $13.41 in federal funds.

Between 2013 and 2022, $152 billion in federal taxes will be collected from states not expanding Medicaid to fund Medicaid expansion in other states.

Expanding Medicaid would:
- reduce healthcare costs through core coordination and lower administrative costs.
- result in lower premiums for insurance in the individual market and greater predictability for commercial insurers.
- save Louisiana and its localities $267 million in uncompensated care costs over the next ten years.

Poor adults who gained Medicaid coverage were:
- more likely to receive preventive care, such as testing for high blood sugar and mammograms for women.
- 40 percent less likely to borrow money or leave other bills unpaid to cover medical expenses.
- less likely to have an unpaid medical bill sent to a collection agency.

In many faith traditions healthcare is considered a basic human right, essential to protecting the sanctity and dignity of human life.

Many faith leaders specifically support Medicaid expansion in order to move toward universal healthcare coverage.

30 states and Washington D.C. have expanded Medicaid. Don't let Louisiana be last.

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