

IMPACT OF MEDI-CAL EXPANSION: SANTA CLARA VALLEY HEALTH & HOSPITAL SYSTEM

What has coverage expansion meant to SCVHHS?

Fewer Uninsured Patients: In Santa Clara County, Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California have reduced the uninsured rate **from 10.9% to 4.9%** for Santa Clara County residents. Santa Clara Valley Medical Center: Hospital and Clinics is the primary care provider to more than **68,000 people** who have gained coverage through Medi-Cal since 2014.

Higher Value Care: The expansion of Medi-Cal has created a more stable coverage landscape, which has enabled Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System to **focus investments** on better care coordination, increased access, and improved health outcomes for patients.

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center: Hospital and Clinics (SCVMC) was able to undertake efforts to expand its primary care capacity, strengthen its technology infrastructure, and better manage its patient population. SCVMC increased its primary care paneled capacity by **20%** between November 2013 and February 2017, and decreased wait times for primary care appointments from 53 days to **less than 48 hours** with the implementation of urgent care and same day appointment availability throughout its Ambulatory Care clinics. SCVMC also developed a program to provide care management support for patients with chronic conditions, which resulted in **more than four times fewer emergency department visits** among program participants.

These improvements help ensure that patients can be seen in more appropriate and cost-effective primary and preventive care settings, rather than in very costly emergency settings.

What happens to Santa Clara County if coverage expansion is repealed?

More Uninsured: An estimated **187,000 individuals** would lose coverage through Medi-Cal or Covered California in Santa Clara County.

Economic Impact: A repeal of the Medi-Cal expansion could result in Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System losing over **\$250 million** in revenue every year.

We urge that any action to repeal the Affordable Care Act preserve the Medicaid expansion and be coupled with an adequate, simultaneous replacement that ensures the same level of coverage and quality of benefits.

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A dramatic increase in the number of uninsured, coupled with a loss of funding, could destabilize Santa Clara County's health care delivery system.



Photos: Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System

What happens to California if coverage expansion is repealed?

More Uninsured: CA's uninsured rate is expected to double, to **over 17%**.

Economic Impact: The state estimates a **\$16 billion loss** in federal revenue with the repeal of the Medicaid expansion and **another \$5 billion** with the elimination of tax subsidies for enrollees in Covered California.

Job Loss: An estimated **200,000 Californians** could lose their jobs, with most losses projected in health care.

ABOUT SANTA CLARA VALLEY HEALTH & HOSPITAL SYSTEM

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System (SCVHHS) is Santa Clara County's public health care system, and SCVMC is at the heart of the county's health care safety net, providing inpatient, emergency, primary, and specialty care.

SCVMC's **574 bed hospital** delivers nearly **25,000 admissions** annually and its ED and county-wide health centers provide nearly **800,000 outpatient visits** annually.

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System is one of the largest employers in the county, providing **more than 7,500 jobs**.