

IMPACT OF MEDI-CAL EXPANSION: ALAMEDA HEALTH SYSTEM

What has coverage expansion meant to AHS?

Fewer Uninsured Patients: In Alameda County, Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California have reduced the uninsured rate **from 12.6% to 4.8%**.

Alameda Health System is the primary care provider to **35,000 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 Alameda Health System to **focus investments** on better care coordination, increased access, and improved health outcomes for patients.

Through efforts to increase primary and specialty care utilization, Alameda Health System has increased primary care encounters at its clinics by **18%**, orthopedics by **87%**, and dermatology by **219%**. Alameda Health System also launched a complex care management program that reduced hospital admissions by **9%** and ED visits by **18%** among 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What happens to Alameda County if coverage expansion is repealed?

More Uninsured: An estimated **176,000 individuals** would lose coverage through Medi-Cal or Covered CA in Alameda County.

Economic Impact: Alameda County is projected to lose **\$600 million** in GDP as a result of an ACA repeal.

Job Loss: An estimated **6,000 individuals** could lose their jobs in Alameda County

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.

A repeal of the Medi-Cal expansion could result in AHS losing **\$94 million in revenue every year.**

A dramatic increase in the number of uninsured, coupled with a loss of funding, could destabilize Alameda County's health care delivery 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What happens to California if coverage expansion is repealed?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.

ABOUT ALAMEDA HEALTH SYSTEM

Alameda Health System (AHS) is Alameda County's public health care system, and is at the heart of the county's health care safety net, providing emergency, primary, and specialty care.

AHS operates five hospitals with **789 licensed beds** and provides more than **328,000 visits** annually, in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

Alameda Health System is one of the largest employers in the county, providing **more than 4,500 jobs**.