

# IMPACT OF MEDI-CAL EXPANSION: ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

## What has coverage expansion meant to ARMC?

**Fewer Uninsured Patients:** In San Bernardino County, Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California have reduced the uninsured rate **from 18.8% to 8.6%**.

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center is the primary care provider to **48,700 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 Arrowhead Regional Medical Center to **focus investments** on better care coordination, increased access, and improved health outcomes for patients.

The system has grown its use of a disease management registry more than tenfold, cut its specialty care wait times in half, and has increased its number of diabetes patients with self-management goals by **almost 50%**.

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.

**A repeal of the Medi-Cal expansion could result in Arrowhead losing \$120 million in revenue every year.**

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



Photo: Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

## What happens to San Bernardino County if coverage expansion is repealed?

**More Uninsured:** An estimated **211,000 individuals** would lose coverage through Medi-Cal or Covered California in San Bernardino County.

**Economic Impact:** The Inland Empire Health Plan estimates the repeal of coverage for Medi-Cal enrollees would threaten **more than \$1 billion** in annual funding to the local community in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

**Job Loss:** An estimated **12,000 individuals** could lose their jobs in San Bernardino county.

## What happens to California if coverage expansion is repealed?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.

***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.***

## ABOUT ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) is San Bernardino 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.

ARMC has **456 beds** and provides more than **275,000 visits** annually, in both inpatient and outpatient settings. It is one of just two hospitals in San Bernardino County with a trauma designation.

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center is one of the largest employers in the county, providing **more than 3,500 jobs**.