

IMPACT OF MEDI-CAL EXPANSION: NATIVIDAD MEDICAL CENTER

What has coverage expansion meant to Natividad?

Fewer Uninsured Patients: In Monterey County, Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California have reduced the uninsured rate **from 23.1% to 10.7%**.

Natividad Medical Center is the primary care provider to approximately **8,000 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 Natividad Medical Center to **focus investments** on better care coordination, increased access, and improved health outcomes for patients.

Access was enhanced in 2015 with the opening of the **Level II Trauma Center**, providing a vital community service locally that saves lives and eliminates the need to fly critically injured patients to a distant trauma center.

Natividad's care coordination efforts have included the implementation of a nationally accredited diabetic education center. As a result, NMC cut its patients' rate of short-term complications from diabetes by **two-thirds**, and slashed its rate of "uncontrolled diabetes" by **more than fifteen times**.

Natividad has also achieved **Baby-Friendly designation** from the organization *Baby-Friendly USA* for its efforts to provide an optimal level of care for breastfeeding mothers and their babies.

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What happens to Monterey County if coverage expansion is repealed?

More Uninsured: An estimated **50,000 individuals** would lose coverage through Medi-Cal or Covered California in Monterey County.

Economic Impact: A repeal of the Medi-Cal expansion could result in Natividad Medical Center losing **\$36 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 Monterey 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What happens to California if coverage expansion is repealed?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 NATIVIDAD MEDICAL CENTER

Natividad Medical Center (NMC) is Monterey 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.

NMC has **172 beds** and provides more than **138,000 visits** annually, in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

Natividad Medical Center is one of the largest employers in the county, providing **more than 1,500 jobs**.