

IMPACT OF MEDI-CAL EXPANSION: SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK

What has coverage expansion meant to SFHN?

Fewer Uninsured Patients: In San Francisco, Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California have reduced the uninsured rate **from 9.2% to 4.8%**.

San Francisco Health Network is the primary care provider to around **30,000 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 San Francisco Health Network to **focus investments** on improved health outcomes for patients, by strengthening patients' relationships with care teams, and the innovative use of technology.

SFHN has been able to launch two technology-driven initiatives that have achieved better care coordination and increased access for patients. A nurse advice line has fielded tens of thousands of calls, and meets **more than 80% of patients' needs without an in-person visit**. And an electronic referral and consultation system for specialty care has resulted in specialty care wait times dropping by **as much as 90%**. SFHN also developed a transitional care program for high-risk heart failure patients that cut participants' readmission rate **nearly in half**.

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What happens to San Francisco if coverage expansion is repealed?

More Uninsured: An estimated **133,000 individuals** would lose coverage through Medi-Cal or Covered California in San Francisco.

Economic Impact: A repeal of the Medi-Cal expansion could result in San Francisco Health Network losing **\$125 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 San Francisco'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What happens to California if coverage expansion is repealed?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 SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK

San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) is San Francisco's public health care delivery system, and is at the heart of the city's health care safety net, providing emergency, primary, and specialty care.

SFHN operates two hospitals with **1,378 licensed beds** and provides around **700,000 visits** annually, in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

San Francisco Health Network is one of the largest employers in the city, providing **more than 4,200 jobs**.