

IMPACT OF MEDI-CAL EXPANSION: UC IRVINE MEDICAL CENTER

What has coverage expansion meant to UCI?

Fewer Uninsured Patients: In Orange County, Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California have reduced the uninsured rate **from 16.2% to 8.7%**.

Higher Value Care: The expansion of Medi-Cal and creation of Covered California have created a more stable coverage landscape, which has enabled UC Irvine Medical Center to focus investments on better care coordination, increased access, and improved health outcomes for patients through an emphasis on primary and preventive care.

UC Irvine Medical Center has been able to strengthen its proactive chronic disease management efforts, which has increased the percentage of diabetes patients with controlled A1c levels by **two-thirds**, and decreased its rate of patients with congestive heart failure **nearly six-fold**, to less than half a percent.

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 UCI Medical Center losing **\$67 million in revenue every year.**

A dramatic increase in the number of uninsured, coupled with a loss of funding, could destabilize UCI Medical Center's health care delivery system.



What happens to Orange County if coverage expansion is repealed?

More Uninsured: An estimated **230,000 individuals** would lose coverage through Medi-Cal or Covered California in Orange County.

Economic Impact: Orange County is projected to lose **\$1.4 billion** in GDP as a result of an ACA repeal.

Job Loss: An estimated **15,000 individuals** could lose their jobs in Orange 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.

What happens to California if coverage expansion is repealed?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 UC IRVINE MEDICAL CENTER

UC Irvine Medical Center is the public health care system in Orange County, and is a critical part of the region's health care delivery system, providing emergency, primary, and specialty care.

UC Irvine Medical Center has **417 beds** and provides **more than 614,000 visits** annually, in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

UC Irvine Medical Center is one of the largest employers in the county, providing **more than 4,350 jobs**.