

IMPACT OF MEDI-CAL EXPANSION: UC SAN DIEGO HEALTH

What has coverage expansion meant to UCSD Health?

Fewer Uninsured Patients: In San Diego County, Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California have reduced the uninsured rate **from 15.6% to 8.7%**.

Higher Value Care: The expansion of Medi-Cal has created a more stable coverage landscape, which has enabled the UCSD Health to **focus investments** on better care coordination, increased access, and improved health outcomes for patients through an emphasis on primary and preventive care and innovative use of technology.

For example, UCSD Health has been able to vastly expand its telemedicine program, which links UCSD specialists with community partners, by **more than 360%**. UCSD Health has also worked to strengthen the work of its on-site interpreters and phone interpreters and added video remote interpretation services, expanding overall interpretation services by **220%**.

UCSD Health has also **nearly doubled** the usage of its patient portal, which has helped the system improve primary care capacity, offer more preventive services, and increase care coordination.

These improvements help ensure that patients can get the highest quality care possible, in the most appropriate settings, and in a culturally competent manner.

What happens to San Diego County if coverage expansion is repealed?

More Uninsured: An estimated **215,000 individuals** would lose coverage through Medi-Cal or Covered California in San Diego County.

Economic Impact: San Diego County is projected to lose **\$1.3 billion** in GDP as a result of an ACA repeal.

Job Loss: An estimated **15,000 individuals** could lose their jobs in San Diego 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 UCSD Health losing **\$72 million in revenue every year.**

A dramatic increase in the number of uninsured, coupled with a loss of funding, could destabilize UCSD Health'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What happens to California if coverage expansion is repealed?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 UC SAN DIEGO HEALTH

UC San Diego Health is the public health care system in San Diego County, and is a crucial part of the region's health care delivery system, providing emergency, primary, and specialty care.

UCSD Health operates 2 hospitals with **563 beds** and provides **more than 680,000 visits** annually, in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

UCSD Health is one of the largest employers in the county, providing **more than 5,600 jobs**.