

# IMPACT OF MEDI-CAL EXPANSION: UC DAVIS HEALTH

## What has coverage expansion meant to UC Davis Health?

**Fewer Uninsured Patients:** In Sacramento County, Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California have reduced the uninsured rate **from 15.1% to 6.4%**.

**Higher Value Care:** The expansion of Medi-Cal has created a more stable coverage landscape, which has enabled the UC Davis Health to **focus investments** on improved health outcomes for patients through an emphasis on primary and preventive care, and improved access and coordination of care transitions for patients seen in the inpatient setting.

UC Davis Health implemented patient flow improvement initiative, intended to provide inpatient care quicker and increase hospital capacity. The number of patients with stays greater than twenty days has been **cut nearly in half**, and the average daily admission rate has been increased by **5 patients per day**.

UC Davis Health has also been able to implement a care transitions program to help patients with chronic conditions who were at risk of readmission to the emergency department. UC Davis Health **exceeds the 90th percentile** on a statewide benchmark for all-cause readmissions.

Investing in these improvements helps ensure that patients who are seen in very costly emergency settings are better able to stay healthy and out of the emergency room.

## What happens to Sacramento County if coverage expansion is repealed?

**More Uninsured:** An estimated **126,000 individuals** would lose coverage through Medi-Cal or Covered California in Sacramento County.

**Economic Impact:** Sacramento County is projected to lose **\$702 million** in GDP as a result of an ACA repeal.

**Job Loss:** An estimated **7,000 individuals** could lose their jobs in Sacramento 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 UC Davis Health losing \$72 million in revenue every year.**

**A dramatic increase in the number of uninsured, coupled with a loss of funding, could destabilize UC Davis 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## What happens to California if coverage expansion is repealed?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 DAVIS HEALTH

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

UC Davis Health operates a 619 bed hospital and 16 outpatient clinic facilities, providing **more than 970,000 visits** annually, in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

UC Davis Health is one of the largest employers in the county, providing **more than 7,500 jobs**.