

# IMPACT OF MEDI-CAL EXPANSION: UCLA HEALTH

## What has coverage expansion meant to UCLA Health?

**Fewer Uninsured Patients:** In Los Angeles County, Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California have reduced the uninsured rate **from 20.9% to 11.1%**.

**Higher Value Care:** The expansion of Medi-Cal has created a more stable coverage landscape, which has enabled the UCLA 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.

An example of this type of investment is a project that works to identify and remove barriers to medication adherence. All 300 of the program's initial participating patients experienced an **improvement in blood pressure rates**, regardless of risk factors.

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.

Another example is a landmark program to educate Hispanic/Latino international medical graduates who had practiced medicine in Latin America, and who were legally residing in the U.S. The program has graduated **dozens of culturally competent physicians**.

## What happens to Los Angeles County if coverage expansion is repealed?

**More Uninsured:** An estimated **970,000 individuals** would lose coverage through Medi-Cal or Covered California in Los Angeles County.

**Economic Impact:** Los Angeles County is projected to lose **\$5.8 billion** in GDP as a result of an ACA repeal.

**Job Loss:** An estimated **63,000 individuals** could lose their jobs in Los Angeles 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 UCLA Health losing **\$49 million** in revenue every year.**

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## What happens to California if coverage expansion is repealed?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

UCLA Health is a crucial part of the region's health care delivery system, providing emergency, primary, and specialty care.

UCLA Health operates 4 hospitals with 805 beds and more than 150 clinics, providing **more than 740,000 visits** annually, in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

UCLA Health is one of the largest employers in the county, providing more than **8,300 jobs**.