

IMPACT OF MEDI-CAL EXPANSION: CONTRA COSTA HEALTH SERVICES

What has coverage expansion meant to CCHS?

Fewer Uninsured Patients: In Contra Costa County, Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California have reduced the uninsured rate **from 11.9% to 5.5%**.

Contra Costa Health Services is the primary care provider to more than **41,000 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 Contra Costa Health Services to **focus investments** on better care coordination, increased access, and improved health outcomes for patients.

Contra Costa Health Services assigned primary care teams to **33,000 patients** utilizing a new database to match patients to the providers that are most convenient to them, and an award-winning redesigned appointment system that dramatically cut the wait time for a primary care appointment in half, **from 16 to 8 days**.

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What happens to Contra Costa County and California if coverage expansion is repealed?

More Uninsured: An estimated **105,000 individuals** would lose coverage in Contra Costa County. **72,000** gained coverage through the Medi-Cal expansion, **54,000** of whom are on the Contra Costa Health Plan. The state'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.

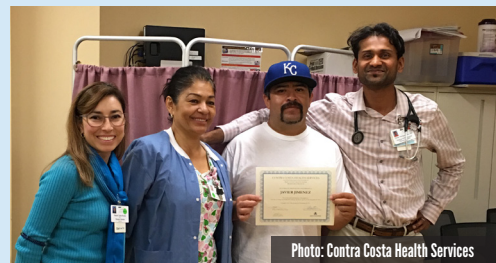
Job Loss: An estimated **200,000 Californians** could lose their jobs.

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 CCHS losing **\$90 million in revenue every year.**

A dramatic increase in the number of uninsured, coupled with a loss of funding, could destabilize Contra Costa County's health care delivery system.

Personal Impact - Javier Jimenez



When carpenter Javier Jimenez developed a severe headache in 2014, he sought care in the emergency room – just like many patients who have historically lacked health insurance, and just like he himself had done several times in the past.

He received treatment and was diagnosed with high blood pressure and diabetes, both of which require regular care and consistent medication to self-manage. Before the expansion, Javier would not have been eligible for Medi-Cal, and he might have had to choose between paying out of pocket to treat his conditions or paying other bills, like rent or utilities.

Thanks to the Medi-Cal expansion, Javier was connected with a regular primary care team, pharmacy services, a glucometer, and a diabetes group visit program, all provided by Contra Costa Health Services.

With support from CCHS, Javier is now able to self-manage his chronic conditions. He now works to educate others in his community about the importance of regular primary care, medication adherence, and lifestyle changes.

ABOUT CONTRA COSTA HEALTH SERVICES

Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) is Contra Costa County's public health care system, and is at the heart of the county's health care safety net, providing emergency, primary, and specialty care.

CCHS operates a **166 bed hospital** and provides more than **460,000 visits** annually, in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

Contra Costa Health Services is one of the largest employers in the county, providing **more than 2,250 jobs**.