



Health Care Coverage

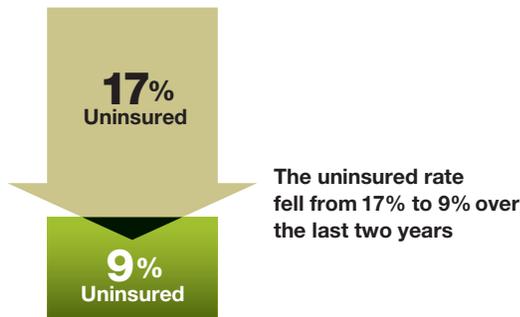
Improving the lives of Californians

Keep Californians Covered



California Leads the Nation in Expanding Health Care Coverage

Having health care coverage helps individuals get the appropriate care when needed, including preventive services and primary care. Getting the proper level of treatment in a timely manner helps reduce health care costs.



- 1 in 3 Californians depends on the Medi-Cal program for health care coverage¹.
- Close to 4 million Californians received coverage through the Medicaid expansion².
- 1.4 million residents have purchased coverage through Covered California, the state's insurance marketplace³.

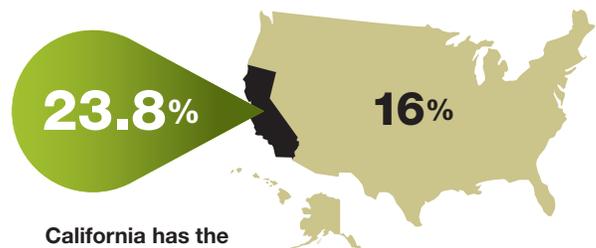
1. California Health Care Foundation
2. California Department of Health Care Services
3. Covered California

Coverage for Those in Need

Many of the newly insured are the working poor, families with children living in poverty and young adults.

Poverty is one of the greatest threats to our health — and California has the highest poverty rate of all states. An estimated 6.3 million⁴ Californians, including 1.9 million⁵ children, live in poverty.

Using the Supplemental Poverty Measure⁶ (SPM) — which takes into account life in the 21st century, including contemporary social and economic realities and government policy — the U.S. SPM is 16 percent. For California, the SPM is 23.8 percent.



California has the highest poverty rate in the nation

4. United States Census Bureau
5. Children in Poverty, Anne E. Casey Foundation
6. United States Census Bureau, Supplemental Poverty Measure

91%

of all Californians now have health care coverage

Repealing the ACA without meaningful replacement would result in millions of Californians losing the health care coverage they need. If coverage is reduced, payments will decline. When that happens, services also decline or may become unavailable — and that hurts everyone.

Let's work together to repair our nation's health care system.

- Repeal of the ACA should only be pursued IF replacement is simultaneous and meaningful.
- We must build on coverage, essential consumer protections and delivery system reforms.
- Hospitals must have the ability to continue to innovate and develop high-quality, efficient models of patient care.

Hospital Innovations Lead to Lower Costs and More Affordable Care

California hospitals have worked hard to reduce costs through delivery system reform, care coordination and clinical efficiencies. These innovations mean patients often recover quicker and can return home sooner. This lower utilization results in lower costs.

Across the board, California hospitals consistently perform better than the national average. Here are key community health indicators that show usage for every 1,000 individuals:⁷

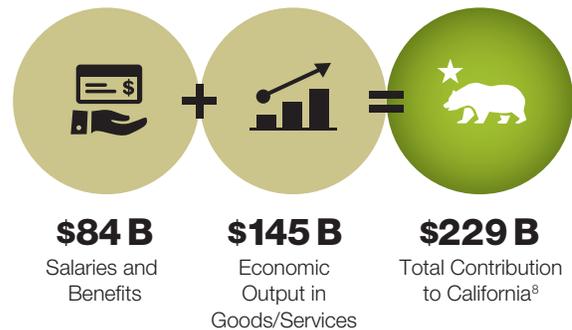
	California	U.S. Average	Highest
Hospital Beds	1.8	2.5	5.4
Hospital Admissions	82.3	103.7	193.2
Hospital Days	420.9	565.9	1403.0
Emergency Visits	327.1	427.6	755.3
Hospital Costs	\$2,285	\$2,537	\$6,241

California's health care costs are lower than the U.S. average.

7. AHA Hospital Statistics, 2016 Edition, American Hospital Association

Communities are Strengthened by the Economic Contributions of Hospitals

Hospitals have a huge impact on the viability of local communities. California hospitals are often the largest employer in their community, providing well-paying jobs to nurses, doctors, health professionals and others. The economic contribution is further realized through the purchase of goods and services, equipment, education and training, and more.



Nearly 1 million jobs result from hospital employment.

8. Compiled using IMPLAN multipliers and 2015 Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development data; includes direct economic impact and ripple effect



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- Californians make 48 million visits to hospitals.
- Californians make 15 million visits to the ER.



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