

Boosting Mississippi's Economy & Closing the Health Coverage Gap

Working Mississippians' Coverage Gap

Mississippians are healthier and more productive when they're insured, but **about 200,000 Mississippians fall into a gap** that makes health insurance unattainable. They're working, earning too much to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to pay for private premiums. Closing the coverage gap helps employers, local towns, and the workforce **grow Mississippi's economy**.

Protect Local Economies



A state closing their coverage gap **decreases the likelihood of a rural hospital closing by 62%**.

SOURCE: Chartis Center for Rural Health - The Rural Health Safety Net Under Pressure: Rural Hospital Vulnerability

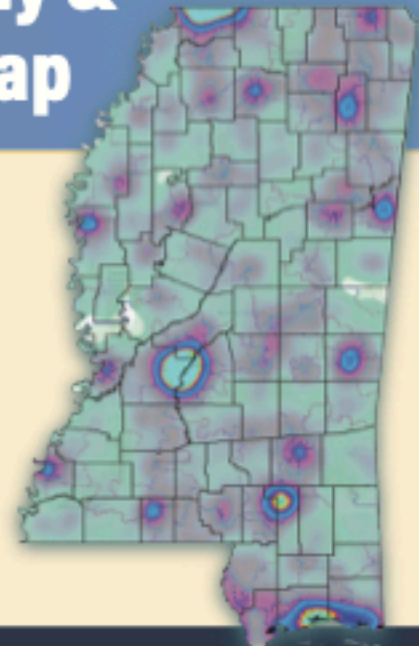
When a local hospital closes, each resident in that town loses

\$703

in average annual income, and unemployment increases

1.6%

SOURCE: Health Services Research - The Effect of Rural Hospital Closures on Community Economic Health



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The spread of citizens that fall into the income coverage gap matches the density of residents across Mississippi.

Visit our website for a breakdown of how each county stands to gain jobs and local tax revenue!

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Add More Population to the Workforce

Among the population in the gap, there was an increase in employment compared to the same population in states with an open gap.

SOURCE: Urban Institute Health Reform Monitoring Survey



Help Small Business Employers

45% of workers insured by Medicaid are employed in firms with fewer than 50 employees.

SOURCE: KFF analysis of March 2022 Current Population Survey.



Improve Mental Health & Substance Treatment

States that closed the coverage gap decreased uninsured opioid hospitalizations by up to 90%.

SOURCE: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities - Dramatically Increased Coverage for People with Opioid-Use Disorders, Latest Data Show

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The Care4Mississippi coalition is a group of health advocates, business leaders, faith leaders, and community organizations. We seek to strengthen the economic wellbeing of our state by increasing access to an affordable, quality, and sustainable healthcare system for all Mississippians.