

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HEALTHY MICHIGAN PLAN

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) remains in place following the Senate's latest vote against repealing it. The following are the benefits Michigan's economy and Michiganders have enjoyed because of the Healthy Michigan plan, which is available through Medicaid expansion, under the ACA. The Healthy Michigan Plan provides health care coverage to more than 677,019 low-income individuals between the ages of 19 and 64 in Michigan. Nonpartisan research has shown reducing this plan through health care reform would likely affect our state's health and economy.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Our state's Medicaid expansion has generated 39,000 new jobs in Michigan annually, nearly 22,000 outside of the health care sector.
- Increased personal income associated with new employment is estimated to be nearly \$2.2 billion and has resulted in an approximately \$145 million boost in tax revenue to the state.
- Research shows the [economic impact](#) of the Healthy Michigan Plan more than covers the state's share of the program's cost. It's estimated for 2017, the economic impact means "the state will finish with \$432 million more than its share of the program's cost, because of new tax revenue and avoided spending."
- Among those on the Healthy Michigan Plan who are employed, 71 percent reported that receiving health care coverage through the plan helped them do a better job at work.

REDUCING THE COST BURDEN

- About 86 percent of those enrolled in the Healthy Michigan Plan said their ability to pay medical bills has improved due to the coverage.
- Michigan's Medicaid expansion has led to 90 percent of hospitals seeing reductions in uncompensated care and more. Prior to this reduction, uncompensated care costs were previously covered through charitable gifts or through the increases in costs of other services. This program has improved our hospital system's ability to serve people and reduced the financial strain on our communities and philanthropy to fill the gaps.
- Through Healthy Michigan, more than 590,000 Michiganders received a primary care visit. Providing Michiganders with access to health care makes Michigan healthier, reducing the burden of philanthropy to address long-term issues that are the result of people not receiving health care.

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

- The Healthy Michigan Plan has provided coverage for more than 465,449 preventative care visits.
- More than 15,477 women on the plan received OB, delivery and postpartum visits.
- Nearly 252,000 mammograms have been covered under the plan.

IMPROVING THE CURRENT SYSTEM

As the ACA currently still stands, in a recent briefing with CMF members, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services provided their advocacy points regarding improvements that could be made to build upon the existing system. [View their information here.](#)
