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# Medicaid Expansion

GEORGIA'S ECONOMY  
WINS WITH  
MEDICAID EXPANSION!

## Medicaid Expansion Is Good for Georgia's Economy

- + Expanding Medicaid in Georgia would create **70,343 new jobs** and would infuse an additional **\$8.2 billion per year in economic activity** into our state's economy.<sup>1</sup>
- + This economic activity will result in an additional **\$276 million a year** in state and local tax revenue

## Medicaid Expansion Is A Good Bargain

- + Money has already been set aside at the federal level to cover **100%** of the costs of Georgia's expansion for the first three years and at least **90%** in future years. Should the federal reimbursement levels drop below this level, Georgia can pull out of the expansion at any time.
- + Expanding Medicaid will bring an estimated **\$40.5 billion in federal funds** into Georgia over a decade.
- + Medicaid expansion will free up state dollars that are currently covering programs such as mental health, the Georgia AIDS Drug Assistance Program, the State Hemophilia Program, and indigent care.

## Medicaid Expansion Is Good for Georgia's Hospitals

- + Hospitals lost \$1.5 billion in uncompensated care in 2010. Increasing the number of insured patients by expanding Medicaid will help prevent struggling hospitals from closing and save Georgia taxpayers dollars that currently go toward covering uncompensated care.

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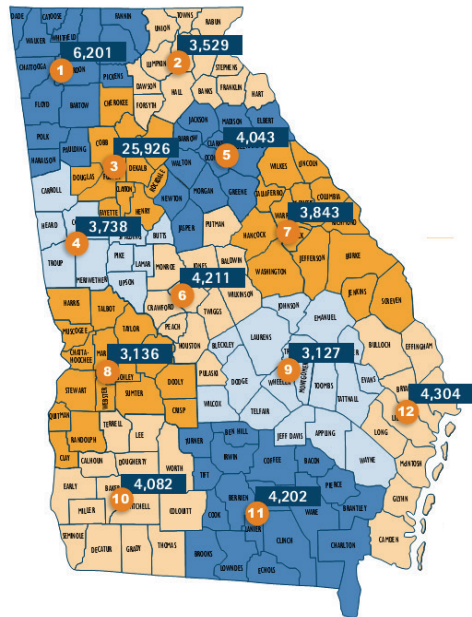
# Medicaid Expansion Is Good for the Health of Georgians

- + Medicaid improves access to care, health status, and financial security of enrollees who would likely otherwise be without coverage.<sup>2</sup>
- + Medicaid expansion in other states has reduced mortality, and based on an estimated 650,000 new enrollees, an approximate **3,693 lives could be saved** each year in Georgia by expanding coverage through Medicaid.<sup>3</sup>

# Medicaid Expansion Is Good for Georgia's Workforce

- + More than **38,000 new health care sector jobs** will be created. Other industries such as real estate, restaurants, transportation, and other businesses will also benefit from more than **30,000 new jobs**.
- + Under the current Medicaid program, low-income childless adults and most low-income parents do not qualify for coverage, leaving many working Georgians without access to adequate health care.
- + Georgia has one of the nation's highest uninsured rates; expanding Medicaid will help cover more than 650,000 people.

**Jobs Created by Service Delivery Area**



Source: Georgia State University  
Analysis of Medicaid Expansion Impact

<sup>1</sup> "The Economic Impact of Medicaid Expansion in Georgia." Custer, William. Georgia State University, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Amy Finkelstein, et al., "The Oregon Health Insurance Experiment: Evidence from the First Year," The National Bureau of Economic Research, NBER Working Paper 17190, issued July 2011, available online at <http://www.nber.org/papers/w17190>.

<sup>3</sup> Benjamin Sommers, et al., "Mortality and Access to Care Among Adults After State Medicaid Expansions," N Engl J Med 2012; 367:1025-1034, September 13, 2012, available online at <http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMsa1202099#t=articleTop>