

# Making the Case For Medicaid Expansion For African-Americans in Georgia



## IMPACT OF EXPANDING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY IN GEORGIA

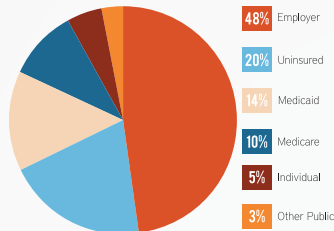
650,000 people would be eligible for healthcare and approximately 3,693 lives would be saved each year in Georgia.<sup>i</sup>  
70,343 new jobs would come to Georgia!  
30,000 new jobs would be created in real estate, food services and restaurants, transit and ground transportation, and other areas of business throughout Georgia.<sup>j</sup>



## CURRENT CLIMATE IN GEORGIA

594,600  
BLACK GEORGIANS  
are uninsured<sup>iv</sup>

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE<sup>vii</sup>



49% OF UNINSURED  
GEORGIANS 19-24 \$  
earn less than 139% FPL ↓<sup>v</sup>

29.4% OF BLACK  
WOMEN IN GEORGIA  
are uninsured<sup>vi</sup>

## NATIONALLY

70% OF BLACK WORKERS  
are employed in blue-collar jobs  
that typically provide low wages  
and are less likely to offer health  
insurance coverage<sup>viii</sup>

22.4% OF BLACK WORKERS  
are underemployed<sup>ix</sup>

LGBTQQ AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE  
15% MORE LIKELY TO BE UNEMPLOYED  
than non-LGBTQQ African-American populations<sup>x</sup>



The Affordable Care Act (ACA) aims to reduce the financial barriers to health care. Under the ACA, Georgians making between 100% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Line (\$11,490 and \$45,960 per year for an individual in 2013) receive tax credits to supplement the cost of health insurance plans.<sup>xi</sup>

The ACA suggests that states also expand Medicaid eligibility to those earning up to \$15,856 for an individual or \$26,951 for a family of three (138% of the Federal Poverty Line).<sup>xii</sup>

The State of Georgia has yet to accept the Federal funding to close the coverage gap and expand its Medicaid program.

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