

# IMPACT OF MEDI-CAL EXPANSION: SAN JOAQUIN GENERAL HOSPITAL

## What has coverage expansion meant to SJGH?

**Fewer Uninsured Patients:** In San Joaquin County, Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California have reduced the uninsured rate **from 17.2% to 7.7%**.

San Joaquin General Hospital is the primary care provider to **23,900 people** who have gained coverage through Medi-Cal since 2014.

**Higher Value Care:** The expansion of Medi-Cal has created a more stable coverage landscape, which has enabled San Joaquin General Hospital to **focus investments** on better care coordination, increased access, and improved health outcomes for patients through an emphasis on primary and preventive care.

Through increased physician recruitment, extended clinic and imaging hours, and a redesigned clinic flow, SJGH has managed a **53% increase** in its primary care visits. It has also implemented the use of a disease management registry to help track and proactively treat patients with chronic conditions.

These improvements help ensure that patients can be seen in more appropriate and cost-effective primary and preventive care settings, rather than in very costly emergency settings.

**A repeal of the Medi-Cal expansion could result in SJGH losing \$50 million in revenue every year.**

**A dramatic increase in the number of uninsured, coupled with a loss of funding, could destabilize San Joaquin County's health care delivery system.**



Photo: San Joaquin General Hospital

## What happens to San Joaquin County if coverage expansion is repealed?

**More Uninsured:** An estimated **66,000 individuals** would lose coverage through Medi-Cal or Covered California in San Joaquin County.

**Economic Impact:** San Joaquin County is projected to lose **\$324 million** in GDP as a result of an ACA repeal.

**Job Loss:** An estimated **4,000 individuals** could lose their jobs in San Joaquin County.

## What happens to California if coverage expansion is repealed?

**More Uninsured:** CA's uninsured rate is expected to double, to **over 17%**.

**Economic Impact:** The state estimates a **\$16 billion loss** in federal revenue with the repeal of the Medicaid expansion and **another \$5 billion** with the elimination of tax subsidies for enrollees in Covered California.

**Job Loss:** An estimated **200,000 Californians** could lose their jobs.

***We urge that any action to repeal the Affordable Care Act preserve the Medicaid expansion and be coupled with an adequate, timely replacement that ensures the same level of quality benefits and that no one loses health coverage.***

## ABOUT SAN JOAQUIN GENERAL HOSPITAL

San Joaquin General Hospital (SJGH) is San Joaquin County's public health care system, at the heart of the county's health care safety net, providing emergency, primary, and specialty care.

SJGH has **196 beds** and serves **more than 157,000 patients** annually, in both inpatient and outpatient settings. **It is the only hospital in San Joaquin County with a trauma designation.**

San Joaquin General Hospital is one of the largest employers in the county, providing **more than 1,300 jobs**.