Choose Medicaid Expansion or Lose Billions

The Financial Costs of Inaction on Medicaid Expansion

North Carolina loses hundreds of millions of dollars each month that legislators refuse to expand Medicaid. That amounts to losses in the billions for the fiscal year. Our state can no longer bear the financial costs of legislative inaction on Medicaid expansion.

North Carolina stands to lose >$6 billion in new federal dollars in the next fiscal year due to non-expansion of Medicaid.

**Broken down by month, NC’s federal funding losses equate to:**

- $160 million in new funds under the Healthcare Access and Stabilization Program (HASP)
- $61 million in new funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- $300 million in new federal matching funds

Source: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

In terms of state spending, not expanding Medicaid results in losses of approximately $15 million per month to pay for expenses that would otherwise be covered by Medicaid expansion, including:

- **$8-10 million/month** to pay for non-expansion Medicaid coverage for North Carolinians who could be a part of the expansion program after the Public Health Emergency ends.
- **$4.4 million/month** to pay for mental health services, medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders, state prisons, and other state services.
- **$1.5 million/month** to cover healthcare costs for parents of children in foster care.

Source: DHHS

The financial losses from not expanding Medicaid have profound impacts on our state.

The money we’d save with Medicaid expansion would allow us to fund other essential needs.

Freeing up $15 million each month would be enough for NC to hire about:

- **2,570 teachers**
- **2,300 nurses/psychologists/social workers/counselors**

OR

= 100 people

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TAKE ACTION TODAY! Scan this QR code or visit https://mobilize4change.org/V5MybR2 to contact your legislator and urge them to expand Medicaid in North Carolina NOW! Healthcare can’t wait.