



## Why South Dakota Needs Health Reform: By the Numbers

Our broken health care system forces families and businesses to struggle with skyrocketing costs and puts millions of Americans at risk of losing the insurance they have now. Here is how our broken health care system affects people in South Dakota.

- 30 residents of South Dakota are losing health insurance every day, and 14,000 Americans nationwide lose insurance daily.
- The average family premium in South Dakota costs \$1,100 more because our system fails to cover everyone—and \$1,100 more nationally.
- Our broken health insurance system will cost the South Dakota economy as much as \$480 million this year in productivity losses due to the uninsured—and up to \$248 billion nationally.
- In South Dakota, the uninsured rate grew from 10.5 percent in 2000 to 12.5 percent today.
- 100,000 are uninsured today in South Dakota.
- The average family premium will rise from \$11,410 to \$19,470 by 2019 in South Dakota without health care reform.
- In South Dakota, without health care reform, 12,850 will have lost coverage from January 2008 to December 2010.
- In South Dakota, 43,000 people would gain coverage as a result of the House health care reform bill by 2013, and 69,000 would gain coverage by 2019.
- A typical South Dakota family will pay \$19,470 for health coverage in 2019 without health care reform.

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### In their own words

The cost for my insurance each month is already almost the same as my monthly mortgage payment. And because I'm more of a 'risk,' my premium went up almost \$100 more dollars a month in 2009. I had to up my deductible just so I could afford to pay a premium.

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Web Site of Sen. Johnson, accessed 7/30/09*

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## Additional national statistics

- 128,000 small business jobs and \$84 billion per year can be saved with health reform.
- At least 62.1 percent of bankruptcies in 2007 were medical bankruptcies.
- The typical household will pay \$15,000 for health care this year—and they'll pay \$18,000 next year.
- The typical household will be paying \$36,000 for health care by 2020.
- We can save \$600 billion by modernizing our health care system.
- Twenty-five million Americans are underinsured, meaning that out-of-pocket health care costs absorbed 10 percent or more of a family's income or 5 percent of an adult's income.
- Almost 52 million Americans are uninsured.
- Approximately 87 million people—one in three Americans—went without health insurance for some period during 2007 and 2008.

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