

“Given these startling projections, it is critical that Congress moves quickly to pass a strong health care reform bill that ensures guaranteed access to high quality and affordable health care for all,” said Eve Weissman, Health Care Campaign Coordinator for New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund. “New Jersey residents simply cannot afford to wait any longer.”

The report also illustrates that under the worst-case scenario, within 10 years:

- **In 29 states, the number of people without insurance would increase by more than 30 percent.**
The number of uninsured could grow by at least 10 percent in every state under the worst-case scenario. All told, the number of uninsured Americans would reach 65.7 million.
- **Businesses would see their premiums continue to increase – more than doubling in 27 states.**
Even in the best case scenario, 46 states would see employer premium costs increase by more than 60 percent.
- **Every state would see a smaller share of its population getting health care through their job.**
Half of the states would see the number of people with employer-sponsored insurance (ESI) fall by more than 10 percent.
- **Every state would see their Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) spending rise by more than 75 percent.**
Half the states would see their costs more than double.
- **The amount of uncompensated care in the health system would more than double in 45 states.**
Even in the best case, uncompensated care would increase by more than 50 percent in 48 states.

“While enacting health reform will be difficult and expensive, the cost of failure would be considerable for every state in the union, and affect every community,” said John Holahan, Ph.D., director of the Health Policy Center at the Urban Institute and one of the report’s authors. “Even in the best scenario, the cost of state-funded programs will grow considerably. Without reform, taxes will likely have to increase significantly to pay for higher Medicaid costs and care for the additional uninsured.”

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By Wednesday morning, the report will be available online at www.rwjf.org and www.urban.org.

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