

Close the Coverage Gap to support Parents and Children

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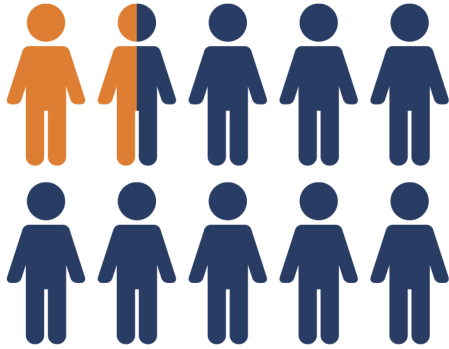


High-quality, affordable health care helps parents work and support their children. Closing the health insurance coverage gap would provide more than 100,000 parents improved health and access to the care they need to thrive, which in turn improves children's health and development.

CURRENT HEALTH COVERAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA

15%

of parents of infants and toddlers are uninsured



NC is one of 14 states that has not taken advantage of federal funding to expand access to health insurance



IMPROVING WOMEN'S PRENATAL HEALTH LEADS TO HEALTHIER BABIES

Medicaid expansion is linked to an increase in access to prenatal care and a decline in infant mortality



9.2% of babies in NC are born at a low birth weight



The infant mortality rate in NC is **7.2** per every 1,000 births. NC has the

12th

worst infant mortality rate in the country.

PARENTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO ENROLL MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE COVERED THEMSELVES

Children whose parents are covered by Medicaid are more likely to receive regular check-ups and preventive care



Consistent health coverage is critical for young children's healthy physical, social, and emotional development

