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Great Reasons to Expand Medicaid in NJ Now

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It's a Great Deal for New Jersey

The federal government will completely pick up the tab for the first three years before reducing reimbursement to 90 percent on a permanent basis, resulting in New Jersey receiving about \$2 billion annually in federal Medicaid funds.

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It Will Boost New Jersey's Economy

The major increase in federal Medicaid funding would stimulate New Jersey's economy, creating well-paid health care jobs and having a positive impact on other sectors.

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It Will Help Hundreds of Thousands New Jerseyans Obtain Health Insurance

307,000 parents and adults without children, who currently lack health insurance, will become eligible for Medicaid.

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It Will Save New Jersey Money

New Jersey will be able to save money in a variety of ways – including reduced spending on charity care to hospitals and health coverage for individuals and services that are funded fully or partially by the state. It will also reduce costs for people with insurance because they will pay less in uncompensated care costs incurred by the uninsured that are shifted to their health plans.

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It Will Help Small Businesses

Many of the hundreds of thousands of New Jersey workers who lack employer-provided insurance will be able to obtain health coverage and continue to work. If the state chooses not to expand Medicaid, New Jersey's small businesses will have a clear competitive disadvantage in attracting and retaining workers to neighboring states that expand Medicaid.

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It Will Ensure the Poorest New Jerseyans Benefit from Health Care Reform

Without the expansion, the people with incomes above the poverty line (an annual income of \$11,170 for a single person) who would have been eligible for Medicaid will be able to get subsidies and purchase coverage in the exchange while 245,000 individuals who are poor will be left in the cold.

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It Will Benefit New Jersey Taxpayers

New Jerseyans get less back in the federal taxes they pay than residents of any other state. It makes no sense for New Jersey to turn down billions of Medicaid dollars so they can be used by other states. New Jerseyans should expect and demand a return on the substantial federal taxes they pay.

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It Will Improve Racial and Ethnic Health Equity

Extending coverage, including to documented immigrants who have been in the U.S. for more than five years, will help reduce New Jersey's vast racial and ethnic disparities in health insurance coverage.

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It Will Help New Jersey's Safety Net Providers

It will help hospitals and other safety net providers that are weighed down with costs associated with delivering charity care to uninsured New Jerseyans.