



Care for the Common Good



Everyone should have access to high-quality, comprehensive health care



Health care is a **basic human right**.



- ♥ Access to **affordable health insurance is critical** to living a long, healthy, high-quality life.
- ♥ With a country in crisis, **access to coverage** for mental health and substance use disorder services **is critical**.
- ♥ **Every state should expand Medicaid** to provide increased access to care.



✦ **Incentivizing providers** to offer services in underserved regions expands access to care.

✦ **Access to care would be greatly expanded** through continued availability of virtual office visits.

✦ Communities with access to medical providers who share their racial/ethnic backgrounds **have better health outcomes**.

Source: <https://siepr.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/publications/18-030.pdf>

! **More people have lost health insurance** as a result of COVID-19 than did during the Great Recession.

Source: www.familiesusa.org/resources/the-covid-19-pandemic-and-resulting-economic-crash-have-caused-the-greatest-health-insurance-losses-in-american-history/



! Americans who **lack access to affordable insurance** have poorer health outcomes and shorter life expectancies.

Sources: <https://familiesusa.org/resources/covid-coverage-is-not-enough-the-american-people-need-comprehensive-health-insurance-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic-and-resulting-economic-crash/>

! **Lack of access to affordable health insurance** exacerbates health inequities, including racial disparities.

👁️ **Affordable health insurance for all** helps address racial and zip code-based coverage gaps.

👁️ To address the impact of COVID-19, an ACA Marketplace **special enrollment period must be instituted**.

👁️ 12 States have yet to expand Medicaid, **leaving millions of Americans vulnerable** in health crises, including COVID-19.

