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Medicaid Expansion:
Hurting the Needy. Harming the Economy.

"The best anti-poverty program is a job." – President Barack Obama[i]

North Carolina's current Medicaid program covers over 2 million[ii]: low-income children, parents, elderly folks, pregnant women, and people with disabilities. The state has extended a helping hand to those who need it most.

Medicaid is designed to help the truly needy, not those that need to go to work.

78% of people eligible under expansion would be able-bodied, working-age adults without dependent children.[iii]

Insurance coverage **does not guarantee** access to care – and many current recipients struggle to find a doctor accepting new Medicaid patients.

Giving Medicaid to over half a million more adults will force our neighbors in need to compete for healthcare with those that are capable of getting a job.

North Carolina is a national leader in putting people back to work.



Named **#1** place to do business by Forbes for the past two years.



The unemployment rate plummeted from **7.9%** to **3.6%** from 2013 to 2018.[iv]

Conservative tax and regulatory reforms have helped North Carolinians by making them self-sufficient instead of government dependent.

Medicaid expansion threatens everything we've built.



Medicaid is a mandatory spending obligation – it must be paid before any money can go to schools, safety, infrastructure, or saving for a rainy day.



The annual cost of expansion alone is more than the total state funding for the state's 25 smallest school districts.[v]

North Carolina does an excellent job in taking care of our neediest citizens. Do we really want to jeopardize jobs, kids, and roads by expanding the welfare state to those capable of working?

More information and sources can be found at: nccivitas.org/medex