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Closing the Coverage Gap Helps People in Every Legislative District

Latest Estimates Show Number of Virginians in Each Legislative District and Locality Who Could Benefit From Medicaid Expansion

RICHMOND, VA – People in every legislative district across the state stand to gain coverage when Virginia lawmakers close the coverage gap, according to analysis of the latest Census Bureau data by The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis, an independent fiscal and economic policy organization in Richmond.

“These numbers show that families in every district would benefit from expanding health coverage, and economically struggling communities in southwest and southside Virginia are some of the biggest winners,” says Michael Cassidy, President and CEO of The Commonwealth Institute.

Senate districts with the highest number of people without insurance who could benefit from expansion are represented by Sen. Dance (12,500 people), Sen. Stanley (12,000 people), Sen. Saslaw (11,000 people), and Sen. Carrico (10,700 people). House districts with highest number of people who could benefit are represented by Del. Carr (6,800 people), Del. Rasoul (6,100 people), Del. Bloxom (6,000 people), and Del. Lopez (5,600 people).

“Statewide we’re talking about nearly 400,000 Virginians who could benefit from access to quality, affordable health insurance through Medicaid expansion,” says Cassidy. “Lawmakers have the opportunity to fix this problem for their constituents this session.”

The full report, *Medicaid Expansion Helps People in Every District*, with tables for both the House and the Senate as well as a table that shows potential gains by locality, is available online at www.thecommonwealthinstitute.org.

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