A Healthy Florida Works is comprised of business leaders, Chambers of Commerce, statewide business organizations and individuals who are concerned about the future of health care in Florida.

We support a plan that extends health care coverage to approximately one million Floridians through the use of existing federal funds.

We are a growing coalition with members from all over the state – from rural to urban areas, from south Florida to north Florida. Our members also reflect the diversity of our state and include everything from small organizations with a handful of employees to large corporations with more than 10,000 employees.

Coalition members include nearly 700 businesses, 15 local chambers, over 100,000 individuals, Associated Industries of Florida, the Florida United Business Association and the Florida Hospital Association.
The Affordable Care Act and Florida

- Florida is home to 3.9 million uninsured
- 2013 Supreme Court decision left Medicaid coverage as a state opt in
- 1.6 million Floridians have enrolled in the exchange through open enrollment
- Nearly $11 billion in cuts to Florida hospitals, medical device tax, health insurance tax
In states that do not expand Medicaid under the ACA, there will be large gaps in coverage available for adults.

Figure 3

- **Medicaid**: Limited to specific low income groups
- **No Coverage**
- **Marketplace Subsidies**: 100% FPL ($11,490 for an individual), 400% FPL ($45,960 for an individual)

**NOTE**: Applies to states that do not expand Medicaid. In most states not moving forward with the expansion, adults without children are ineligible for Medicaid.
Where the States Stand on Medicaid Expansion
28 States, DC, Expanding Coverage—January 27, 2015

Notes: Based on literature review as of 1/27/15. All policies subject to change without notice.
HHS has announced that states can obtain a waiver to use federal funds to shift Medicaid-eligible residents into private health plans.
The District of Columbia plans to participate in Medicaid expansion and will operate its own exchange.
Florida Health Care Landscape

- Federal policy shift in funding for uncompensated care at the state level
- Florida’s Low Income Pool to sunset on June 30, 2015
- CMS wants to see considerable reform
- Recent study highlights serious challenges to Florida's Medicaid program and the way it finances hospital care

“CMS and Florida agree that this one-year extension of the LIP will provide stability for providers as Florida transitions to statewide Medicaid managed care, while allowing the state to move toward a significantly reformed Medicaid payment system.”

- Marilyn Tavenner
  CMS Department of Health and Human Services Administrator
The Business Case

- Florida’s businesses, especially small businesses, are the backbone of our economy

- Costs for treating the uninsured totaled nearly $3 billion in 2013

- The cost of charity care provided for the uninsured becomes a “hidden tax” on businesses and raises insurance premiums around 8% per year

- The Affordable Care Act’s employer mandate, which began in January, will cost Florida businesses as much as $253 million a year in tax penalties*

*State Medicaid Choices and the Hidden Tax Surprises for Employers, Jackson Hewitt, March 2013
Private pay Sources:
AHCA FHURS Data, 2012
Hidden Health Tax: Americans Pay a Premium, Families USA, Milliman, May 2009
Kaiser/HRET Employer Health Benefits 2012 Annual Survey

Family Premium, 2012:
- $14,485
- $1,260 (8.0%)

Average Cost of a Hospital Stay*:
- $15,933
- $2,699 (14.5%)
Face of the Uninsured*

*Distribution of the Nonelderly Uninsured by Family Work Status

The Plan

- Cover all individuals with annual income less than $16,000
- Managed care model
- Alternative benefit package
- Fiscally responsible
- Personal accountability
- Job and education training
- Premiums
Increased employment in Brevard

24,600 +

Brevard county residents with health insurance

1 Million +

More Floridians will have access to health insurance

120,00 +

new jobs (statewide)

$51 Billion

in new federal funds
Be a part of the solution. Join the coalition.

Finding a way to extend health care coverage to a million Floridians will create a healthier economy and stronger Florida for all of us.

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