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Right now, families in North Carolina are having to pick between keeping the lights on and seeing the doctor – but we can change that. If we expand Medicaid, we can bring affordable health care to more than 634,000 North Carolinians who fall in the health care coverage gap. That's why North Carolina Democrats have made expanding Medicaid a top priority.

WHY EXPAND MEDICAID

- We could make our state healthier:
 - Expanding Medicaid will bring affordable health care to more than half a million North Carolinians
 - It will be a tool for fighting the opioid crisis. States that have expanding Medicaid are able to provide easier, more reliable care to those suffering from addiction.
 - It will expand mental health services and bring in more funding for mental health
- It's the right and more thing to do, but it's also smart policy:
 - Our economy would be better off. Expanding Medicaid would create 40,000 jobs and invest \$11.7 billion into our state
 - It will give our rural areas a boost by creating more the 13,000 jobs in rural counties and help keep rural hospital doors open.
 - It makes fiscal sense. The cost of expanding Medicaid will be covered by hospitals, health care systems, and the federal government. It won't cost the taxpayers anything.

RESOURCES

The Economic and Employment Benefits of Expanding Medicaid in North Carolina by George Washington University, Cone Health Foundation and Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust:

<https://www.conehealthfoundation.com/app/files/public/11568/expanding-medicaid-in-north-carolina---2019.pdf>

North Carolina Justice Center: <https://www.ncjustice.org/projects/health-advocacy-project/medicaid-expansion/expanding-medicaid-in-nc/>