



ObamaCare Expansion is Bad for Wyoming

OBAMACARE EXPANSION HAS CONSUMED STATE BUDGETS

Total Medicaid spending has more than doubled since 2000, and states are spending nearly one out of every three dollars on Medicaid.¹



Per person costs have **exceeded original estimates** by 76 percent.²



ObamaCare expansion states have enrolled **twice as many able-bodied adults as promised**.³



This has led to **cost overruns** of 157 percent.⁴

OBAMACARE EXPANSION WOULD EXPLODE WYOMING'S MEDICAID PROGRAM EVEN MORE



Since 2000, Wyoming's general fund **Medicaid spending** has grown by 225 percent.⁵



In that same time frame, state **education spending** has only grown by 58 percent.⁶



If Wyoming expanded ObamaCare, **at least 52,000 new able-bodied adults** could enroll, costing taxpayers nearly **\$3.3B over ten years**.⁷

OBAMACARE EXPANSION WOULD CROWD OUT PRIVATE INSURANCE

In Wyoming, 63 percent of the newly eligible population **already have private insurance**. An additional 11 percent qualify for exchange subsidies.



That's nearly **three out of every four** newly eligible able-bodied adults.⁸

OBAMACARE EXPANSION HAS NOT SAVED RURAL HOSPITALS



There is no statistical difference in the financial health of hospitals in expansion and non-expansion states.⁹



Rural hospitals are closing in expansion states, including AZ, AR, CA, IL, KY, MA, MN, NV, and OH.¹⁰



More hospitals are serving patients in states that did not expand ObamaCare.¹¹

OBAMACARE EXPANSION WOULD HURT WYOMING HOSPITALS



For individuals who move from private insurance to Medicaid, reimbursement **rates would be cut by 67 percent.**¹²



Based on the number of individuals who would move from private insurance to Medicaid, **Wyoming hospitals would lose \$16.3 million annually.**¹³

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