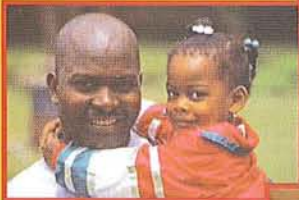


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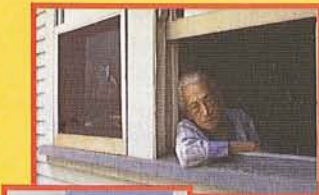
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The Dilemma Deferred

Roughly half a million Kentuckians do not have health insurance, and we have made little progress in covering the uninsured. This longstanding dilemma remains unresolved. Yet research consistently shows the uninsured are far more likely to postpone attention to health care needs or forego them altogether. The costs and consequences ripple throughout our society and economy:

- lost health and years of life
- often avoidable health conditions that rob people of productive lives and, in the case of children, can lead to costly developmental and educational deficits
- financial risk, uncertainty, anxiety, and personal bankruptcy
- mounting financial stresses on health care providers and other community institutions, from churches to local governments
- losses of worker productivity, earnings, and quality of life
- diminished capacity of small firms to compete for and retain skilled workers
- hidden costs that are systematically shifted to the insured.

The Kentucky Health Insurance Research Project has sought to define the scope of the problem and propose responses. Funded by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, which facilitates state-level responses to uninsurance, the project's diverse research team includes researchers from the University of Kentucky (UK) Center for Excellence in Rural Health, the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center, the UK College of Public Health, the UK Survey Research Center, and the University of Louisville.

Prescription for Change presents findings from this multifaceted research project, which includes public forums in the state's Area Development Districts, statewide surveys of the general population and small firms, an analysis of the social cost of uninsurance, and a comprehensive review of the legal, ethical, and practical implications of policy options open to the Commonwealth.

On the Agenda

The Fletcher Administration's Vision for Covering Kentucky's Uninsured

How Kentucky's first-ever physician governor hopes to leverage more coverage options for Kentucky's uninsured.

A Profile of Kentucky's Uninsured

Drawn from household survey data and the voices of Kentucky's uninsured, a portrait of Kentuckians who have no health insurance.

How Society Pays and How Much

The indirect ways in which our society pays a substantial price for having an uninsured population and estimates of Kentucky's tab.

Alternative State Strategies for Covering the Uninsured

State-level experiences and experiments with covering and caring for the uninsured.

The Annual KET Panel Discussion

Kentucky Tonight host Bill Goodman leads a panel discussion "The Dilemma Deferred: Covering the Uninsured," followed by a short audience Q&A session.

Weighing Our Options for Covering the Uninsured

A presentation of state-level strategies for covering the uninsured, their likely beneficiaries, and their equity, efficiency, and effectiveness.

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