



# AN AMERICAN SOLUTION QUALITY AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

## HEALTH CARE BY THE NUMBERS

### HEALTH CARE & FAMILIES

- Since 2000, premiums have more than doubled while wages have virtually stood still.
- In the past year, 53% of Americans say their household cut back on health care due to cost concerns.
- Since 1987, the cost of the average family health insurance policy has risen from 7% of median family income to 17%.
- In 2007, 60% of U.S. bankruptcies were due to medical costs.
- America's small businesses are struggling to pay for health care, with small business premiums rising 129% since 2000.
- With employers unable to afford rising health care costs, our country could see an additional 3.5 million people unemployed and without benefits in the next 4 years. At least 46 million Americans are uninsured - more than 85% of whom are in working families. Without wellness and preventive care, families suffer, and their care drives up costs throughout the system.

### HEALTH CARE & BUSINESS

- 52% of employers say that the current economic downturn will have an impact their health care programs in 2010.
- In 2008, 38% of small companies offered health coverage, compared with 41% in 2007 and 61% in 1993.
- Forty percent of small businesses said that health costs have had a negative impact on other parts of their business, for example, contributing to high employee turnover or preventing business growth.
- About 10% of small companies are considering ending their employee health coverage plans over the next year, compared with 3% of small businesses in 2005.
- According to a Hewitt Associates survey, 19% of all U.S. businesses plan to halt providing health care benefits to their employees in the next three to five years.

### HEALTH CARE & ECONOMY

- In 2006, our economy lost as much as \$200 billion because of the poor health and shorter lifespan of the uninsured.
- Without any change, by 2018, health care spending will rise to \$4.4 trillion – more than one-fifth of the economy.
- The United States now spends twice as much per capita on health care than almost any other industrialized nation with poorer health outcomes.
- Since the recession began, an estimated 4 million additional Americans have lost their health insurance – and are currently losing coverage at an average of 10,680 workers each day.
- Absent reform, the number of the uninsured will reach 61 million by 2020.
- Annually, federal and state governments pay 75% of the \$56 billion in uncompensated care provided to the uninsured.
- Today, only 4 cents of every health care dollar is spent on prevention.