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Lowball Estimate of Universal Coverage in California

A new study estimates that universal coverage in California would cost \$5.8 billion in 2020. Half the cost would provide coverage to 1.5 million illegal immigrants and almost another half would cut Obamacare premiums on the exchange from \$123 per month to about \$61.

New funding sources could include provider and payer taxes, an airport landing fee, a rental car tax, and a state-wide employer mandate. But if illegal immigrants flood the state for care, this is a low estimate. And if providers leave, employers exit, and tourists go elsewhere, the proposed taxes won't be enough.

“Inside HHS’ standoff with the House Ethics Chair: Report: It would cost \$5.8 billion to get to universal coverage in California,” Dan Diamond, Politico Pulse, March 1, 2019: <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/politico-pulse/2019/03/01/inside-hhs-standoff-with-the-house-ethics-chair-530364>

Richard M. Scheffler, and Stephen M. Shortell, **“The Seven Percent Solution: Costing and Financing Universal Health Coverage in California,”** UC Berkley School of Public Health, February 24, 2019: http://petris.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/The-Cost-and-Financing-of-Universal-Coverage-in-California_13Feb2019FINAL.pdf

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