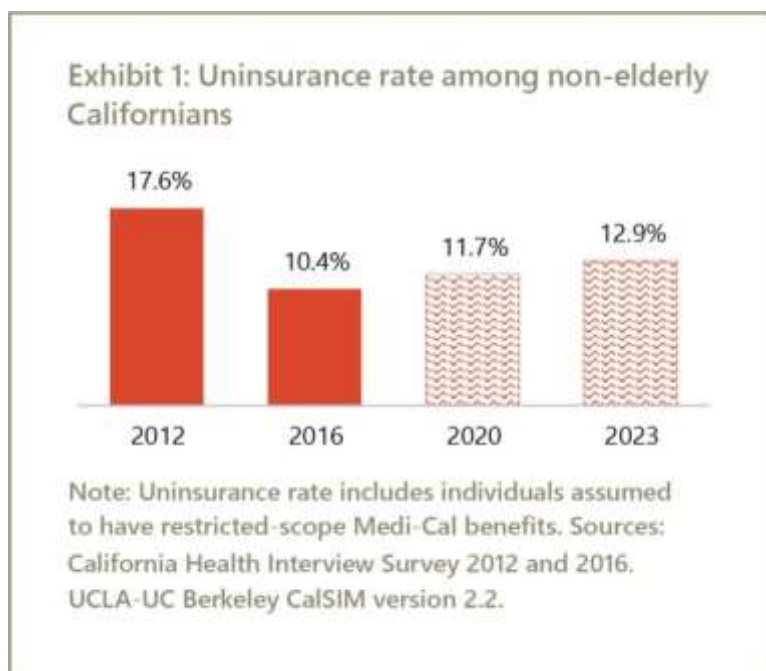


UC Report Says Health Coverage Gains To Erode Without Individual Mandate, Other State Actions

The University of California Berkeley Labor Center and University of California-Los Angeles Center for Health Policy Research have issued a [new report](#) finding that despite California's great progress in insuring residents under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the uninsured rate could grow in the coming years without further state action. To maintain current enrollment levels in the individual market, among the report's recommendations that California could consider implementing a state-level individual mandate.



Following are key findings from the report:

- Without further state action, the number of uninsured in the state under age 65 could rise from 3.5 million in 2016 to 4.0 million in 2020 and 4.4 million in 2023, in large part due to the elimination of the individual mandate penalty.
- As a result of the individual mandate penalty going away, 490,000 to 790,000 more Californians could become uninsured by 2023.
- Undocumented Californians will continue to make up the largest group of uninsured in the state.
- The state could implement an individual mandate, and continue to support and strengthen outreach and enrollment efforts.