# Research Highlight

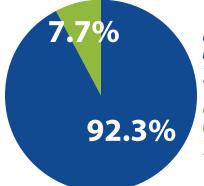


## American Rescue Plan Delivers More Affordable Health Care Coverage to Thousands of Californians and Brings California Closer than Ever to Closing the Uninsured Gap

California continues to make great progress toward closing the uninsured gap under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and other programs. One example is the American Rescue Plan recently signed into law, which has helped make health care coverage more accessible than ever for those with health coverage and for uninsured Californians eligible for affordable health coverage.

But even before the American Rescue Plan was signed into law, California was already making great strides. As of 2019, 92.3 percent of Californians have health coverage, with 7.7 percent of California's population uninsured. However, 60 percent of this population is ineligible for coverage due to immigration status. As part of our continued support for universal health care coverage for all, The California Association of Health Plans is supporting proposed legislation this year that would extend Medi-Cal benefits to all income eligible undocumented adults over the age of 26, including seniors 65 and up.

### Closer Than Ever to Closing California's Uninsured Gap



Current California insured population: **36.9 million** 

Current California uninsured population: **3 million**  40% of uninsured population of uninsured population Uninsured population currently eligible for ACA subsidies:

**1.2 million** 

Uninsured population ineligible for coverage due to immigration status:

1.8 million

CAHP supports legislative efforts to extend Medi-Cal benefits to all income eligible adults above age 26 regardless of immigration status

For those currently eligible for coverage, the American Rescue Plan has paved the way toward significant costs savings for millions of Californians and brings us ever closer to eliminating the uninsured gap and achieving universal coverage in our state.

#### **OVER 3 MILLION**

Californians are now eligible to benefit from enhanced ACA subsidies under the American Rescue Plan.

#### 600,000 MORE

Californians are currently eligible for Medi-Cal.

#### That's a total of 3.6 MILLION

Californians eligible for either no-cost or affordable coverage.