

Affordable and Accessible Healthcare

America's businesses depend on a healthy workforce. As other nations are increasingly providing universal health care, we cannot let our businesses suffer a competitive disadvantage. Democratic Governors call for giving businesses the tools they need to prosper by investing in a healthy workforce. We call on the federal government to join us by:

1. **Investing in American workers.** The government should provide a tax credit of up to 17% to companies who contribute to employee healthcare.
2. **Insuring All Children.** Every child should have healthcare. The federal government should fully fund the existing CHIP program to ensure all children are covered.
3. **Encouraging Efficiency.** Private sector dollars invested in creating electronic medical records should be matched by the federal government so that the efficiencies, improved patient safety, and quality healthcare provided by such a system is reached within five years. This investment will actually provide \$25 billion in federal savings.

Lack of Healthcare Costs America Millions of Dollars

45 million Americans have no health insurance—27 million of whom are working.

Tens of thousands of American workers are sick and either missing work frequently or are less productive each day because they do not have healthcare. When the children of uninsured workers get sick the problem multiplies.

The lack of affordable healthcare is hampering American productivity and costing companies millions.