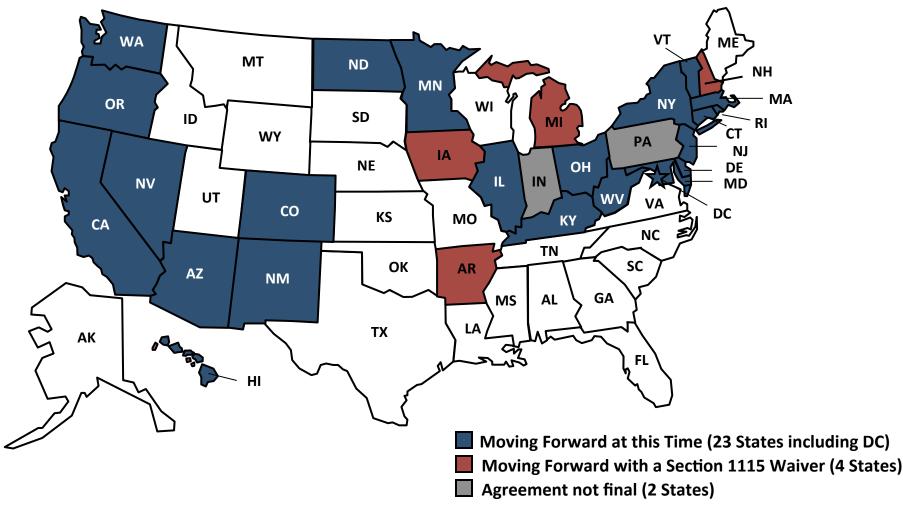
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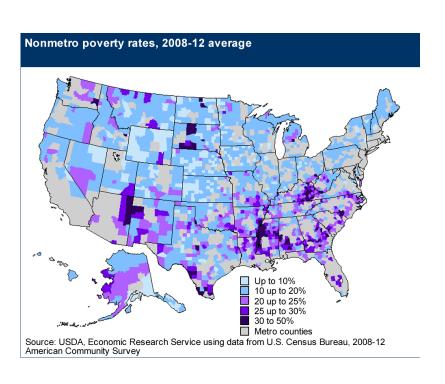
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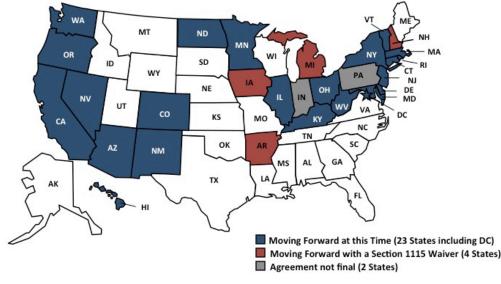
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## Correlation between rural poverty rates and refusal of states to expand Medicaid



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SOURCES: State decisions on the Medicaid expansion as of June1, 2014. Based on data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, Kaiser Family Foundation and state legislative scan by Georgetown CCF.









Texas has the highest rate of uninsured people in the U.S. Over 6 million Texans are uninsured. But when elected leaders in Texas had a chance to cover more people, they chose instead to leave out about 1 million hard-working Texans. Sign our petition to tell elected officials to act so these Texans can get the health coverage they need.

First and Last Name Email Zip Phone (optional)

SIGN YOUR NAME

\*By signing this petition you may be contacted by members of the Cover Texas Now coalition.

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"I am a veteran and a single mother. I was married to my child's father when I became pregnant, but he gave me an ultimatum: abortion or divorce. I chose divorce, and he has never been present in her life or paid child support. Our financial situation has been very difficult and made worse by the fact I don't have access to health care.

### Health and Wealth

	Harris County	Texas Total
Costs this community could reduce – current local taxpayer-funded health care for the uninsured :	\$920,054,995	\$4,380,711,550
New federal health care money this county could receive each year (average):	\$935,251,060	\$6,024,992,478
New local tax revenues this county could gain, yearly average:	\$102,863,679	\$525,348,088
New jobs created, yearly average:	60,157	303,140
Growth in income for county residents, yearly average:	\$3,550,221,179	\$16,889,612,753
Growth in retail sales in the county, yearly average:	\$1,239,374,075	\$7,214,722,735