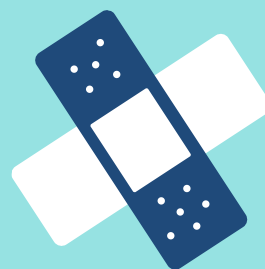# THE IMPACT OF RISING HEALTHCARE COSTS

Healthcare costs have been rising tremendously making it harder for low and middle income families to receive the healthcare they need. Some of these families don't qualify for any insurance which would help them get treated. Often these families avoid going to the doctor just because they can't afford to pay.

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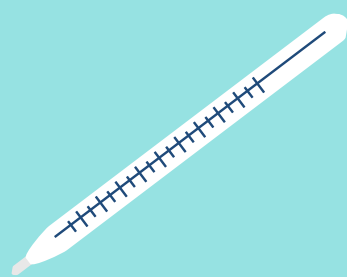## 1 WHAT ARE SOME WAYS WE CAN HELP THESE FAMILIES?

Some ways we can help these families get treated would be by setting up free clinics for them to go to. These free clinics would only function if they receive funding. Without any funding they would have to cut off certain areas. Another way we can help would be by trying to lower the costs for some of these families that can't afford it.

2 WHY DO SOME PEOPLE NOT HAVE HEALTH COVERAGE?

Some states refused to expand Medicaid which left many families without any coverage. Most of these families end up dealing with the pain since they can't afford to pay any medical bills. Some studies show that if these families didn't have the opportunity for free health care clinics then they would not even consider getting treated anywhere else.

3 WHY ARE RISING HEALTHCARE COSTS SUCH A BAD THING?

The rising healthcare costs have impacted thousands of families in the United States. With costs going up, it prevents these families to receive the treatment that they deserve. The United States is one of the few countries that do not offer free healthcare. Due to this being an issue many people refuse to go to the doctor since they can't afford to pay. This is an issue which needs to be dealt with immediately so that more people can receive healthcare.