



# UC Center Sacramento

## California's Remaining Health Coverage Gaps: Causes and State Solutions

***Laurel Lucia and Miranda Dietz, UC Berkeley Labor Center***

Wednesday  
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12:00—1:00pm

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Lunch will be  
served

Although California's effective implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has dramatically cut the number of uninsured, millions continue to lack health coverage. Last year the state legislature considered bills that sought to close coverage gaps for the two biggest groups of uninsured in the state: undocumented individuals and individuals struggling to afford insurance in the individual market. Though these proposals were not enacted in 2018, California advocates, stakeholders, and policymakers continue to consider policies that would push the state closer to universal coverage. These policy options will take on even greater importance in 2019 when the elimination of the federal ACA individual mandate penalty is projected to increase the ranks of the uninsured. Lucia and Dietz will present the latest UC Berkeley-UCLA projections of the number of uninsured in California, their eligibility for various coverage options, and their demographics. They will also discuss the projected coverage and state budget impacts of proposals to fill the state's health coverage gaps.



Laurel Lucia is director of the Health Care Program at the Labor Center, where she has worked since 2009 analyzing health care policy. Recent papers have examined the health coverage and economic impacts of Affordable Care Act repeal on California, California's Medicaid expansion, health insurance for California immigrants, and the remaining uninsured in California. She also analyzes the economic impact of public policy changes. Her work has been covered in the Los Angeles Times, the Atlantic, and National Public Radio. Laurel received a Master of Public Policy from UC Berkeley in 2005.

Miranda Dietz is a research and policy associate at the Labor Center focused on health care and health reform in California. She is involved in the California Simulation of Insurance Markets microsimulation model (CalSIM). Her analysis has focused on churn in and out of insurance coverage and on the remaining uninsured in California. Miranda received a Master of Public Policy degree from UC Berkeley in 2012, and a bachelor's degree in government from Harvard University.



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