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COVID-19 Impact on Coverage in the Commercial Market



Loss of Health Insurance Coverage in the Commercial Market, April and May 2020

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A substantial number of employers were unable to pay premiums indicating companies are under financial distress

- In April and May of 2020, almost **7.5 million** Americans enrolled in commercial health insurance lost their coverage.
- Most of the coverage loss occurred in the group market, with **7.3 million** Americans losing health coverage, including **5.2 million** in the self-insured market and **2.1 million** in the fully-insured market.
- Loss of health coverage in the individual market was more moderate at **0.1 million**. Off-exchange individual market accounts for most of that loss. Enrollment in the marketplace exchanges remained unchanged in that period.
- While few employers chose to terminate health insurance contracts (0.3%), a substantial number of employers requested a premium holiday (3.6%) or were unable to pay premiums (4.2%) during that time frame.

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Total Covered Lives	Coverage Loss (%)	Coverage Loss (millions)
Group Market	-4.0%	-7.3M
-Self-Insured	-4.2%	-5.2M
-Fully Insured	-3.7%	-2.1M
Individual Market	-1.4%	-0.1M
-Marketplace Exchange	No change	No change
-Off-Exchanges	-5.2%	-0.1M
Total Commercial Market	-3.8%	-7.5M



Note: Totals may not add up because of rounding

Survey on Coverage Losses in the Commercial Market: Methodology

- Alliance to Fight for Health Care's executive committee member, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), conducted two surveys on the COVID-19 impact on coverage in the commercial market to all its member health insurance providers with enrollment in large group (self-insured and fully insured) and individual (on and off exchange) markets.
- Initial survey fielded in May 2020. Received 27 responses from plans representing 81% of commercial enrollment of AHIP member plans.
- Follow-up survey fielded in July 2020. Received 22 responses from plans representing 67% of commercial enrollment of AHIP member plans.
- For each market, change in coverage was calculated as weighted percent change in enrollment between two survey periods.
- National estimates of coverage loss in each market were derived by multiplying the percent change in coverage by the national enrollment estimate in that market.