



## HEALTH CARE FACTS

- **16% of Americans have no health coverage = 45 million people**
- **At least 270,000 West Virginians are uninsured, and most are working-age adults**
- **55% of health care costs are paid by business**
- **98% of employers over 200 employees provide health coverage**
- **16% of our nation's GDP goes to health care (5% in 1960)**
- **73% increase in health care premiums since 2000**
- **Cost shift adds 16% to premium costs associated with hospitalization, and 32%-35% of total premium results from cost-shift**
- **18,000 pre-mature deaths per year in U.S. are attributed to lack of health insurance; this equals the nation's murder rate**
- **West Virginia has the nation's second highest cost attributed to cost shifting – nearly \$1,800 per year in additional cost. This will grow to \$3,000 in four years.**