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Southern Health Partners

The South as a region presents similar challenges with regard to need, racial, ethnic and class disparities, poverty, and political environments. Similarly, policy makers from one southern state often look to its neighbor in developing policy approaches for their own state. Community Catalyst is supporting advocates in the south to use that same regional framework to focus on issues such as children's coverage, tobacco tax campaigns, Medicaid defense and Medicaid waivers, and hospital accountability campaigns.

Collaborative Partners:

[South Carolina Fair Share Education Fund](#), [South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center](#)

Consumer Voices for Coverage Phase II

Consumer Voices for Coverage Phase II is an extension of the Consumer Voices for Coverage national program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This new program is to provide resources to support local and state-based organizations that are well positioned to educate policy-makers and the public about the importance of reforming our health care system. This project will work with numerous and diverse interest groups to educate advocates, faith leaders, health care providers, and business interests about the unique opportunities to encourage federal policies that support our growing uninsured population. The project will use a combined strategy of education and outreach with coalition partners, while coordinating a strong media campaign to provide information for advocates and policy leaders of the state.

Partner:

[South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center](#)

[Hospital Accountability Project](#)

The goal of the South Carolina Hospital Accountability Project is to increase underinsured and uninsured consumers' access to hospital financial assistance while decreasing medical debt and aggressive collections practices. The Project will document the access barriers to health care for underinsured and uninsured consumers in South Carolina and specifically identify the problems of hospital billing, collections and medical debt in Charleston. The Project will also seek to increase the level of advocacy and organizing around the issues that impact consumers who do not have access guaranteed affordable health care and to help them get coverage, while at the same time reducing and lessening the impact of medical debt on low and moderate income South Carolinians.

Collaborative Partners:

[South Carolina Fair Share](#) (Lead Partner), [South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center](#)

Prescription Access Litigation Project

Prescription Access Litigation (PAL) member organizations participate in PAL's work by joining class action lawsuits as plaintiffs, educating their members about the pharmaceutical industry's tactics, publicizing PAL projects and successes, and signing on to "friend of the Court" briefs and regulatory testimony/comments submitted by PAL.

Coalition Member:

[South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center](#)

- [Community Catalyst's Free Care Compendium](#) This web resource summarizes free care laws and regulations in South Carolina and in states across the country. It also includes a national snapshot of trends across the states, recommendations for free care standards and best practices, fact sheets, and tools.
- [August 08, 2008 State Coverage Matrix: Strategies Used to Expand Health Insurance Coverage Across the United States from RWJF State Coverage Initiative](#) This research tool organizes available information on specific strategies states have used to expand or sustain insurance coverage.
- [August 08, 2008 State Health Facts](#) Find data on highlighted health and health care topics available in a 50-state comparison and through individual state profiles and fact sheets provided by the Kaiser Family Foundation.
- [January 08, 2008 Community Catalyst Announces First Round of Grant Awards to Support Improved Health Care Access for the Underinsured Community](#) Catalyst, a national consumer health advocacy organization, today announced that it has awarded an initial round of grants to advocate-led collaboratives in California, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee to work on policy and organizing activities to benefit the underinsured in each state.

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