

Let's **Pass S.855**, Establishing a Healthcare Market Reform Study Committee!

SC Has **Poor Health Outcomes** and **Poor Access to Health Care Providers**

A consultant commissioned by the legislature showed SC's health outcomes and investment were among the lowest in the country and its health services were the most fragmented among all states



29

of 46 SC counties are classified as medically underserved



14

of 46 counties have NO active OB-GYN



22

of 46 counties have less than 3 active family practice physician

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SC's Health Care Struggles

- Nationally, SC is the **8th worst state** in overall health outcomes
- SC is **9th worst state** in reproductive and women's health
- SC has the **9th highest rate** of premature deaths
- SC has 400,000 adults, (19-64, most working or in school) **who are uninsured - the 9th worst** percentage among states
- **79% of small businesses** in SC do not offer health insurance, the 2nd highest in the country
- SC was ranked **the worst state** in medical debt burden



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