The Montana Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership is how our state is working to provide affordable quality healthcare to more than 54,000 hardworking Montanans, including more than 6,700 American Indians.

### Uninsured Rate
The HELP Act is responsible for decreasing Montana’s uninsured rate, which has plummeted from 15% in 2015 to 7% in 2016.

### State Savings
The HELP Act has already saved the state general fund $10.6 million.

- Federal funds cover expenses Montana paid for in the past – saving the state $9.3 million in Medicaid funds. Cost-reducing measures for the Dept. of Corrections have saved $1.3 million.

### Reduced Uncompensated Care
Responses to a survey of Montana’s largest hospitals to help to ascertain the impact of the HELP Act showed that it has universally (comparing 2015 to the first six months of 2016):

- Reduced the number of uninsured each hospital is seeing
- Reduced the cost at each hospital of the combined charity care and bad debt expenses

### Preventive Care
The new law is an opportunity to dramatically improve the health of our state by incentivizing primary and preventive care up front to prevent costly complications down the road. As of May 2016, more than 24,313 preventative care exams/screenings have been conducted.

This bipartisan solution lets us bring our federal tax dollars back to Montana, injecting more than $153 million in federal dollars into Montana’s economy to provide health coverage to individuals who earn less than $16,424 a year, most of whom work in businesses that traditionally do not offer health care coverage, like construction, food service, ranching, cleaning services, childcare, and landscaping.

### Innovation
Montana is the first state in the U.S. to use a private third party administrator model. The HELP Act also invests in accountability and encourages personal responsibility – requiring enrollees to pay up to 5% of their incomes in out-of-pocket costs and providing them with job search and training opportunities.

An analysis conducted by the Montana Department of Labor found that 2/3 of those eligible for the HELP Act are employed. The HELP Act also offers Montanans new help finding work and help getting new job skills or education.

To date almost 6,000 people have completed the HELP-Link assessment so that they can be matched with the best resources to meet their needs, including: labor market information – to help identify high growth, high demand jobs, intensive one-on-one employment planning and job search services, help with resumes and cover letters, or access to subsidized job training resources (for those eligible).