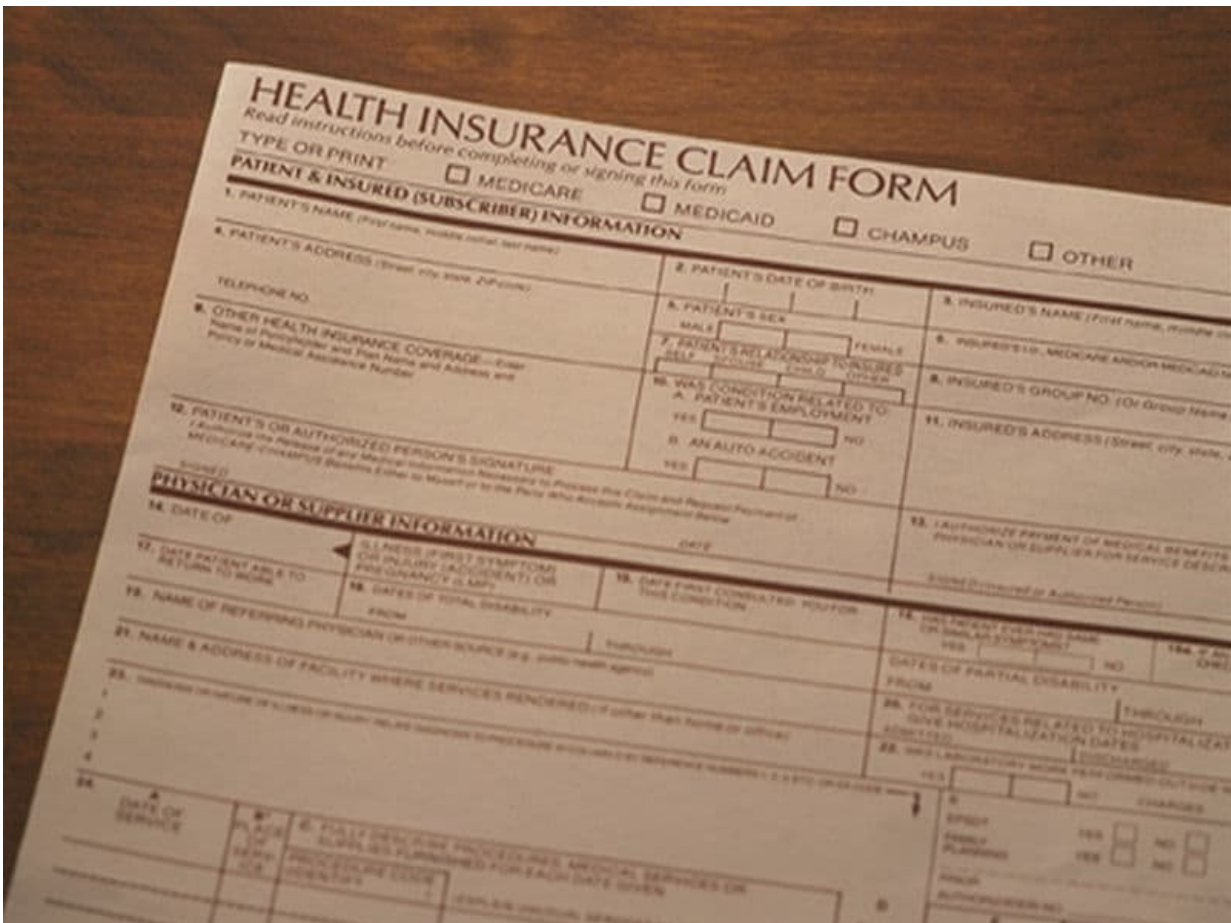


Uninsured rate at 8.8 percent in first quarter of 2018

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The image shows a 'HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FORM' with the following sections and fields:

- HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FORM**
Read instructions before completing or signing this form
- PATIENT & INSURED (SUBSCRIBER) INFORMATION**
 - TYPE OR PRINT
 - MEDICARE MEDICAID CHAMPUS OTHER
 - 1. PATIENT'S NAME (First name, middle initial, last name)
 - 2. PATIENT'S DATE OF BIRTH
 - 3. INSURED'S NAME (First name, middle initial, last name)
 - 4. PATIENT'S ADDRESS (Street, city, state, ZIP code)
 - 5. PATIENT'S SEX: MALE FEMALE
 - 6. INSURED'S ID, MEDICARE AND/OR MEDICAID
 - 7. PATIENT'S RELATIONSHIP TO INSURED: SELF, SPOUSE, CHILD, OTHER
 - 8. INSURED'S GROUP NO. (If Group Name)
 - 9. INSURED'S ADDRESS (Street, city, state, ZIP code)
 - 10. WAS CONDITION RELATED TO:
 - A. PATIENT'S EMPLOYMENT: YES NO
 - B. AN AUTO ACCIDENT: YES NO
 - 11. AUTHORIZED PAYMENT OF MEDICAL BENEFITS: PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER FOR SERVICE OF SUPPLIER (Signature of Authorized Person)
 - 12. PATIENT'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE (Authorized the Release of any Medical Information Necessary to Process the Claim and Request Payment of MEDICARE/CHAMPUS Benefits. Either to Member or to the Party Who Accepts Assignment Below)
 - 13. DATE OF SIGNATURE
- PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER INFORMATION**
 - 14. DATE OF ILLNESS (FIRST SYMPTOM OR INJURY (ACCIDENT) OR PREGNANCY (IF APPLICABLE))
 - 15. DATE FIRST CONSULTED: PROVIDER FOR THIS CONDITION
 - 16. HAS PATIENT EVER HAD THIS SAME OR SIMILAR SYMPTOM? YES NO
 - 17. DATE PATIENT ABLE TO RETURN TO WORK
 - 18. DATES OF TOTAL DISABILITY: FROM TO THROUGH
 - 19. NAME OF REFERRING PHYSICIAN (OR OTHER SOURCE OF REF. FROM HEALTH AGENCY)
 - 20. DATES OF PARTIAL DISABILITY: FROM TO THROUGH
 - 21. NAME & ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE SERVICES RENDERED (If other than home or office)
 - 22. FOR SERVICES RELATED TO HOSPITALIZATION: GIVE HOSPITALIZATION DATES: ADMISSION DATE, DISCHARGE DATE, URGENT CARE DATE, CHARGES: YES NO
 - 23. NAME OF PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER WHO HAS ASSIGNED SERVICES TO BE COVERED BY MEDICARE/CHAMPUS (If assigned by insurance carrier) (If not assigned, leave blank)
 - 24. DATE OF SERVICE
 - 25. FULLY DESCRIBE PROCEDURE(S) PERFORMED, SPECIAL SERVICES OR PROCEDURES FOR EACH DATE GIVEN

(HealthDay)—In the first quarter of 2018, the uninsured rate was 8.8

percent, not significantly different from a year earlier, according to a report released Aug. 29 by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

Robin A. Cohen, Ph.D., from the NCHS, and colleagues used data from the first quarter of the 2018 National Health Interview Survey to estimate [health](#) insurance status.

The researchers found that in the first three months of 2018, approximately 8.8 percent of Americans (28.3 million individuals) of all ages were uninsured. Among adults aged 18 to 64 years, 12.5 percent reported being uninsured, 19.2 percent had public coverage, and 70 percent had private health insurance coverage. Of those with private health insurance coverage, 4.2 percent (8.3 million) were covered by private health insurance plans obtained through the Health Insurance Marketplace or state-based exchanges. The percentage of adults younger than 65 with private health [insurance](#) enrolled in a high-deductible health plan increased from 43.7 percent in 2017 to 47 percent in the first three months of 2018. Among children (aged 0 to 17 years), 4.6 percent were uninsured, 41.9 percent had public coverage, and 54.6 percent had [private health insurance](#) coverage.

"A total of 20.3 million fewer persons lacked [health insurance coverage](#) in the first three months of 2018 compared with 2010 (48.6 million or 16 percent)," write the authors.

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