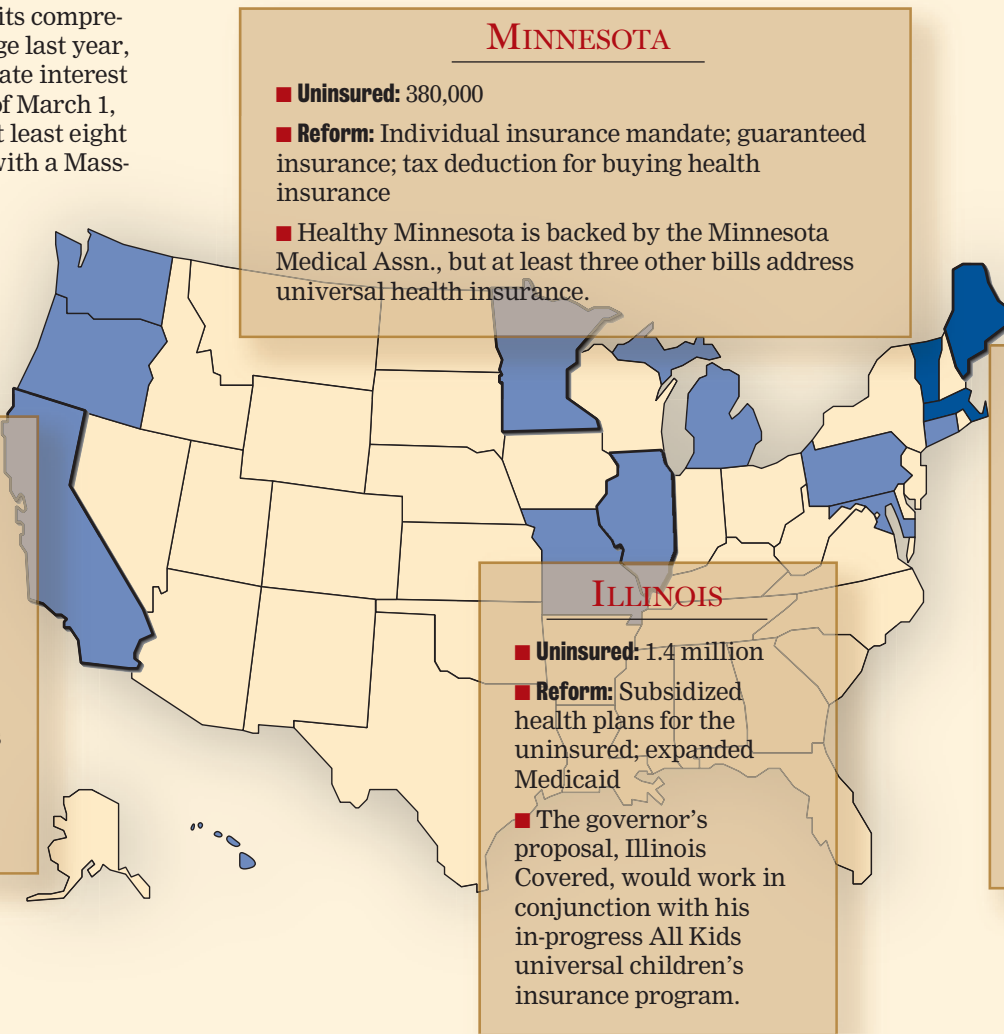


## TARGET: HEALTH REFORM

When Massachusetts passed its comprehensive health reform package last year, the move sparked renewed state interest in universal health care. As of March 1, lawmakers or governors in at least eight states had introduced plans with a Massachusetts-like state authority that connects the uninsured to private coverage. Others are considering bills using different methods.

**CALIFORNIA**

- **Uninsured:** 6.5 million
- **Reform:** Individual insurance mandate; subsidized insurance; Medicaid expansion
- The governor's \$12 billion plan has drawn the ire of doctors with its proposed 3% tax on physicians' gross revenues.



**MINNESOTA**

- **Uninsured:** 380,000
- **Reform:** Individual insurance mandate; guaranteed insurance; tax deduction for buying health insurance
- Healthy Minnesota is backed by the Minnesota Medical Assn., but at least three other bills address universal health insurance.

■ **Passed**  
■ **Proposed**

**MAINE**

- **Uninsured:** 130,000
- **Reform:** Subsidized insurance through single private carrier; insurance rate regulations
- Dirigo Health, adopted in 2003, was the first universal coverage program passed by a state. The plan covered 16,000 people in its first 15 months but is behind in its goal of covering all Mainers by 2009.

**ILLINOIS**

- **Uninsured:** 1.4 million
- **Reform:** Subsidized health plans for the uninsured; expanded Medicaid
- The governor's proposal, Illinois Covered, would work in conjunction with his in-progress All Kids universal children's insurance program.

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