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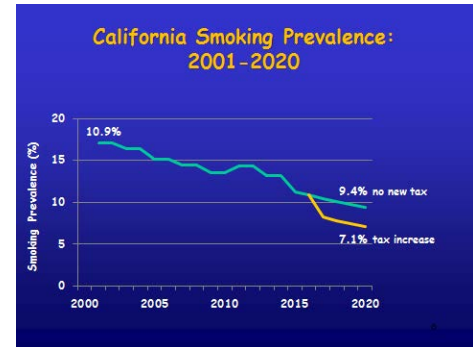
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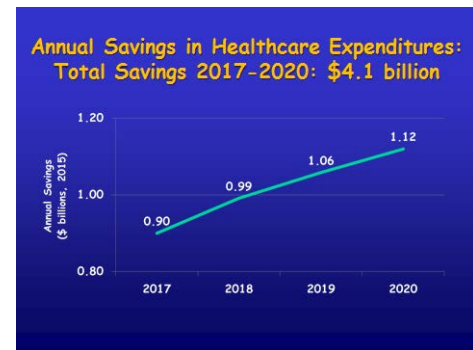
Smoking prevalence in California will be more than 2 percentage points lower in 2020 with the tobacco tax increase

- In 2020 just 7.1% of California adults will smoke, and the remaining smokers will smoke less
- Smoking rates drop quickly because of the combined effect of higher prices and a larger reinvigorated tobacco control program
- Fewer smokers will mean fewer smoking-caused deaths and fewer nonsmokers breathing secondhand smoke



The tobacco tax increase will save billions of dollars in healthcare expenditures because fewer people will get sick

- Annual savings in healthcare expenditures will be \$900 million in 2017, increasing to \$1.12 billion in 2020
- Cumulative savings will total \$4.1 billion between 2017 and 2020
 - Hospitalization costs will be \$2 billion lower
 - Outpatient costs will be \$1 billion lower
 - Medication costs will be \$650 million lower



70 million fewer packs of cigarettes will be smoked

- The tobacco industry will lose \$250 million in sales every year
- Because no tobacco is grown and no cigarettes are manufactured in California, most of the money spent on cigarettes leaves the state and goes to Phillip Morris, RJ Reynolds, and their suppliers
- When people smoke less, they will spend the money they save on goods that contribute to the California economy, creating 8,600 new jobs and increasing California economic activity by nearly \$700 million a year

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