

Background on Protecting the Affordable Care Act ('Obamacare')

- Federal legislators have put millions of real people's health care on the political frontline, threatening repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) without a replacement. ***The bottom line is that if legislators play politics with real people's health care, they will create a devastating public health care crisis.***
- If the ACA is repealed:
 - Parents will no longer be able to have their children on a shared plan until the age of 26
 - Premiums will increase for anyone with pre-existing conditions, including asthma, cancer, diabetes and even pregnancy. Insurers will be allowed to charge women more than men for the same coverage.
 - Insurance coverage preventive care and check-ups will be cut back and insurers will no longer have to cover things like breast cancer screenings or birth control.

29.8 Million People Would Lose their Insurance

“The number of uninsured people would rise from 28.9 million to 58.7 million in 2019, an increase of 29.8 million people (103 percent). The share of nonelderly people without insurance would increase from 11 percent to 21 percent, a higher rate of uninsurance than before the ACA because of the disruption to the nongroup insurance market.”¹

1 Million North Carolinians Would Lose Their Insurance

“1 million fewer people in North Carolina would have health insurance in 2019 if the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is repealed, new Urban Institute estimates show. Republican policymakers plan to move quickly in January to repeal much of the health reform law without enacting a replacement.”²

NC Would Lose Billions of Dollars of Federal Funding

“In North Carolina, repeal means the loss of \$3.4 billion in federal marketplace spending in 2019 and \$38.2 billion between 2019 and 2028. North Carolina would lose \$1.6 billion in federal Medicaid funding in 2019 and \$20.7 billion between 2019 and 2028.”³

\$1.1 Trillion Dollars More of Uncompensated Care Would Be Paid Nationwide

“In addition, the growth in the number of uninsured residents would increase demand for uncompensated care by \$1.1 trillion nationwide between 2019 and 2028. Assuming fixed federal spending on uncompensated care, state and local governments and health care providers would have to bear this cost.”⁴

Working Families Would Be Hit the Hardest

“Eighty-two percent of the people becoming uninsured would be in working families, 38 percent would be ages 18 to 34, and 56 percent would be non-Hispanic whites. Eighty percent of adults becoming uninsured would not have college degrees.”⁵

¹ **The Urban Institute.** December 6, 2016. “Implications of Partial Repeal of the ACA through Reconciliation.” Linda J. Blumberg, Matthew Buettgens, and John Holahan.

<http://www.urban.org/research/publication/implications-partial-repeal-aca-through-reconciliation>

² **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.** “Impact of Affordable Care Act Repeal.” December 7, 2016.

<http://www.cbpp.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/12-7-16health-factsheets-nc.pdf>

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ **The Urban Institute.** December 6, 2016. “Implications of Partial Repeal of the ACA through Reconciliation.” Linda J. Blumberg, Matthew Buettgens, and John Holahan.