



Affordable Care Act Repeal: Impact on Patients & Communities

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed in 2010. The repeal is a proposal to undo key protections of the ACA including:

- Denial of **treatment or coverage for preexisting conditions**
- The right to a quick internal and external appeal **if** dropped from your insurance for any reason other than fraud
- **Discrimination based on gender or health** protection from bankruptcy because of costly medical expenses
- Access to **free Preventive Services and Wellness Visits**

The ACA repeal penalizes the working family, the backbone of this nation

- 82% of working families will lose their insurance coverage
- Millions of working families will lose tax credits
- The ACA repeal causes families to go without needed health care and exposes them to financial risk
- Nationally, most of the coverage loss would occur among families without college degrees and with at least one worker in the family

The ACA repeal will double the number of uninsured nationally

- ACA Repeal will leave over 30 million people without insurance
- America's most vulnerable will be hit hardest (including children, the elderly, low-income and middle class people, the uninsured, and ethnic-minority Americans)
- Will increase healthcare related taxes
- Will take away Medicaid funding and thus, health coverage away from millions of low and moderate income Americans

The ACA Repeal will cause 4 million American children to become uninsured

- The repeal will double the number of uninsured American children

The ACA repeal will paralyze our nation's economic growth and healthcare system

- The ACA repeal will cause detrimental losses in 1/6th of our nation's economy
- The ACA repeal will make our country sicker by reducing coverage of preventative services such as cancer screening, well baby visits, and birth control
- It will increase healthcare costs by stripping funding for addiction care and treatment
- Do nothing to stop the crippling increases in the cost of prescription drugs

ACA repeal does not protect American citizens; it allows insurance companies to tack advantage of them

- The repeal will allow insurance companies to significantly raise healthcare premiums
- The ACA repeal will make insurance coverage unaffordable for millions and raise costs for those who can afford it

The National Physicians believes:

ACA repeal should not move forward until a comprehensive replacement plan that provides equal or better coverage options is developed.

All Americans deserve guaranteed, high-quality, affordable healthcare

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