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Families USA's Mission and Focus Areas

Families USA, a leading national voice for health care consumers, is dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care and improved health for all. We advance our mission through public policy analysis, advocacy, and collaboration with partners to promote a patient-and community centered health system.

Working at the national, state and community level for over 35 years.



COVERAGE



HEALTH EQUITY



HEALTH CARE
VALUE



CONSUMER
ENGAGEMENT

Topics for Discussion

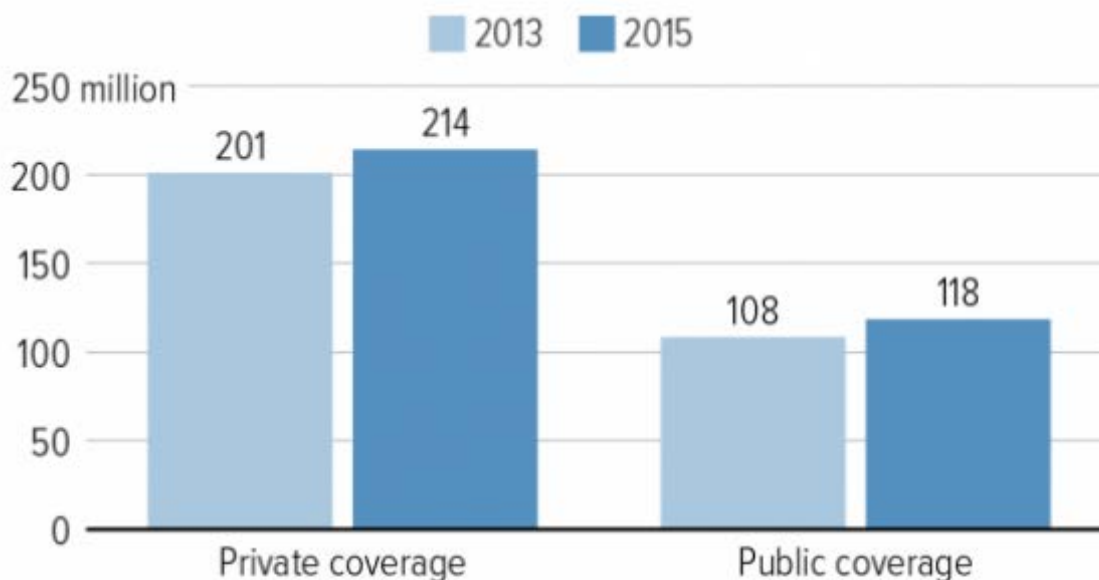
- American Health Care Act**
- Repeal in the Senate**
- Steps to Engage**

From 2010 to 2016

20 million people gained coverage

Both Private and Public Coverage Have Expanded Under Health Reform

Number of insured Americans



Note: The Census Bureau permits people to identify multiple sources of health coverage. Some people report having both private and public coverage.

Source: CBPP analysis of Census Bureau's Current Population Survey data

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Myth:

***“...Americans continue to call for Obamacare’s repeal...They spoke loudly again this November, and about 8 out of 10 favor changing Obamacare significantly or replacing it altogether.”
(McConnell, op-ed for Fox News, January 9, 2017)***

Truth:

- Across polls conducted by many different research firms, on average, about 50% of Americans view the ACA favorably vs. 42% unfavorably.¹
- This is particularly true since the push to repeal the ACA began in January.
- Marketplace consumers rate their coverage highly: 68% rated it “excellent” or “good” in OE3.²

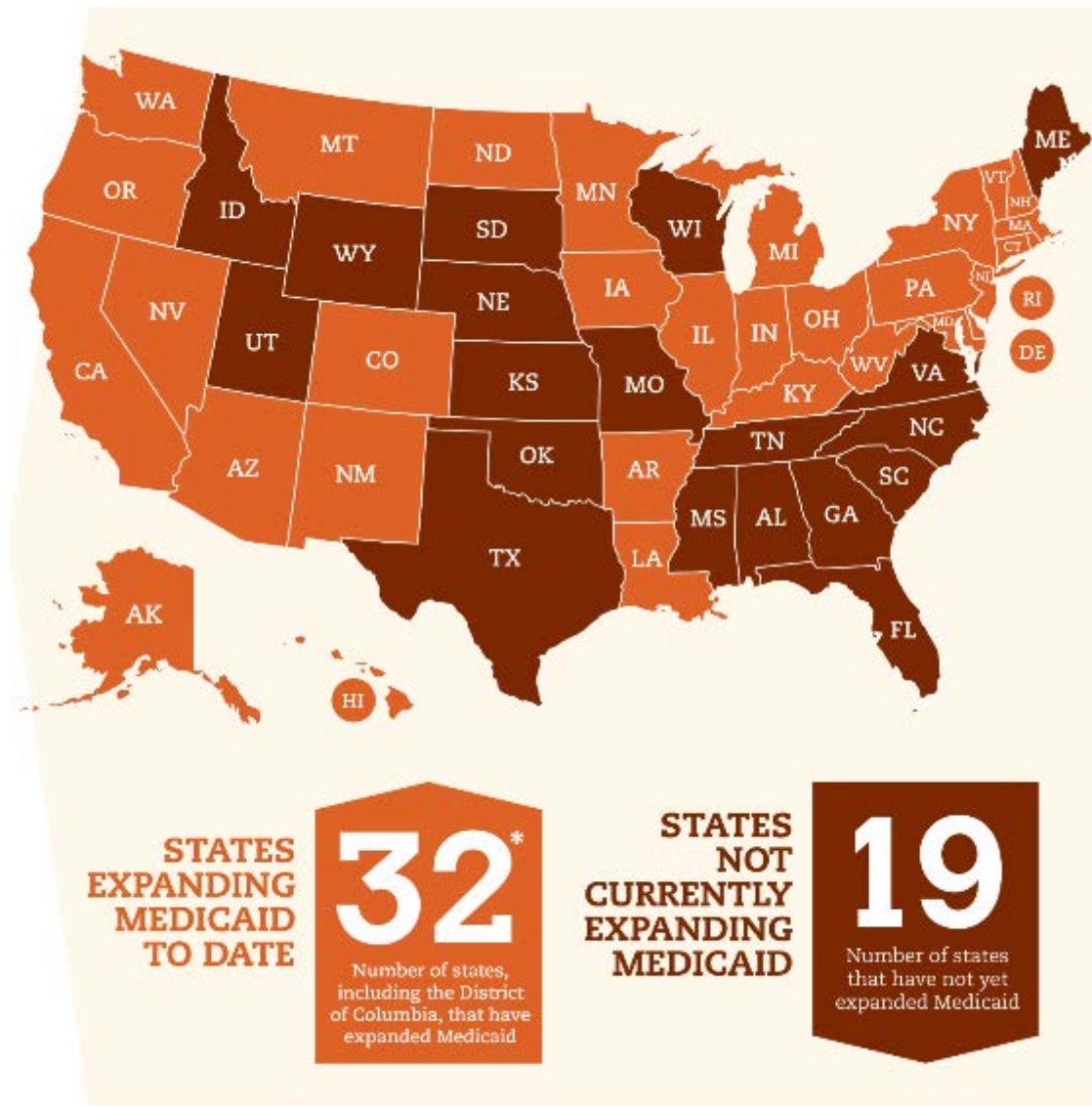
¹Real Clear Politics, average of all health law polling data, 2/7-4/25/2017

²Kaiser Family Foundation, Survey of Non-Group Health Insurance Enrollees, May 2016

Significant cuts to Medicaid

- **Medicaid expansion eliminated:** Option to extend Medicaid coverage to adults who earn over 133 percent FPL eliminated effective December 31, 2017; sunset federal payment for expansion population
- **Cut Medicaid for other populations through funding caps:** Implement Per Capita Cap system that limits federal funding states receive to care for seniors, children, people with disabilities, parents, and others who depend on Medicaid

A 50-state look at Medicaid Expansion, 2017



Cost Hikes for Privately Insured

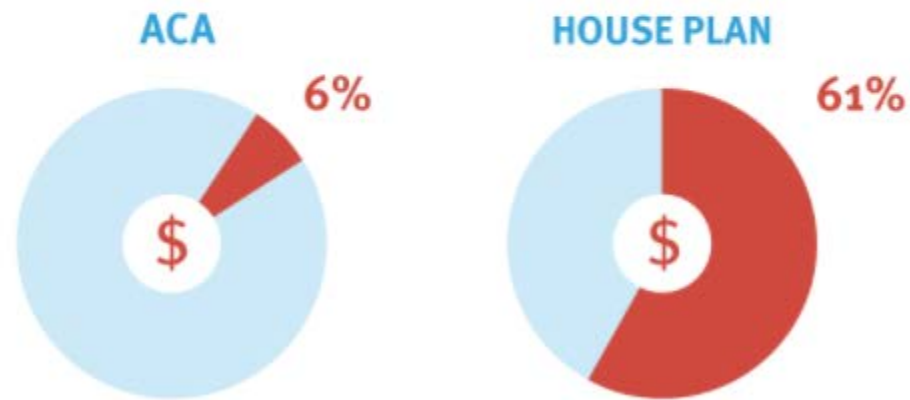
- **Eliminate income-based tax credits:** Under the ACA, people who earn up to 400 percent FPL are eligible for tax credits that help them afford coverage based on their income. AHCA proposes flat tax credits, the highest being \$4,000 a year for an individual 60 or older.
- **Cost-sharing reductions eliminated:** Financial assistance to make deductibles and other cost-sharing more affordable for people who earn up to 250 percent of poverty is entirely eliminated.

Seniors' Premiums Skyrocket under House Repeal Bill*

Individual:
64-year-old
Earns just under:
\$26,500/year

\$14,400

Increase in
Annual Premiums



Premiums as Percent of Annual Income

Protections for Pre-existing Conditions Eliminated

- **Allows states to opt-out of price discrimination protections:** States can drop protection against higher rates based on pre-existing conditions
- **Allows states to opt-out of essential health benefit requirements:** States can drop requirements for insurers to cover package of necessary services for enrollees.

According to CBO, these are the results of House-Passed ACHA

- **23 million** more people to be uninsured by 2026
- **14 million** losing Medicaid
- **Skyrocketing premiums** for lower-income people, older adults, and people with pre-existing conditions
- Higher average deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance

At least 23 M lose coverage for a tax cut to the rich and corporations...

Health coverage	Tax cuts
Medicaid: - \$834B	Mostly to wealthy and corporations: \$664B*
Premium and cost sharing subsidy: - \$665B	
Replacement premium credits: \$375B	
Small employer coverage credit: - \$6B	
Patient and stability fund: \$117B	
Net cut from health coverage: \$1013B	Benefit mostly to wealthy/corps: \$664 B

Source: Calculations from May 24 CBO score. These totals do not include the effects of the individual and employer mandates.

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Key Dates

- **June 26:** Bill Introduction (using House version)
- **June 30:** Senate GOP goal for vote

Key Senators

- Capito (WV)
- Murkowski (AK)
- Heller (NV)
- Gardner (CO)
- Flake (AZ)
- Collins (ME)
- Portman (OH)



Senators are keeping bill a secret.

What do we know? Reports indicate:

- “80 percent” of house bill despite pledge to take different direction
- Eliminates Medicaid expansion over 7 years
- May delay certain tax cuts for the wealthy

Cutting necessary care for millions to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy at any point in time is harmful to public health.

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Weigh in to oppose the American Health Care Act and any bill that:

- Ends the Medicaid expansion at any point in time
- Destroys the Medicaid program as we know it by changing the structure through per capita caps or block grants
- Increases the number of people without health insurance
- Undermines the consumer protections put in place by the Affordable Care Act

Calls and emails to the Senate



SAVE HEALTH CARE

Call your senators and ask them to protect America's health coverage

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In order to address your message to the appropriate recipient, we need to identify where you are.

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5 Digit Zip Code:*

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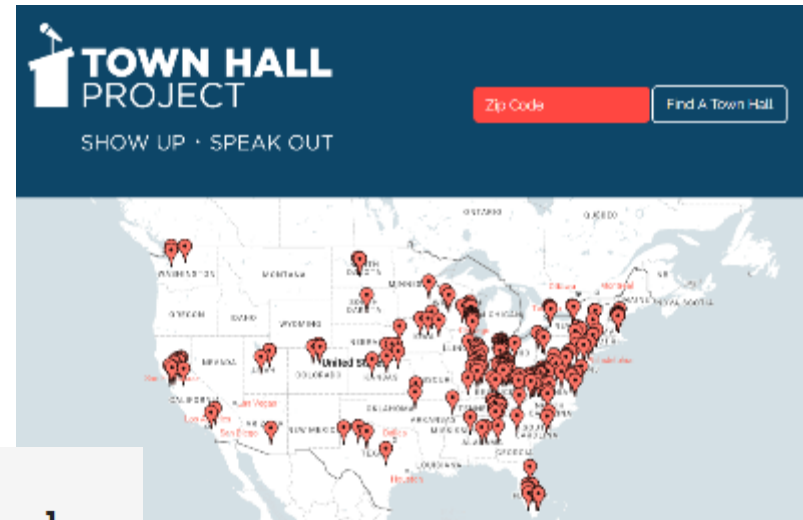
If you take action and have not already registered, you will receive periodic updates and communications.

Don't Put Our Health Care Safety Net At Risk

As the Congressional Budget Office reported, 23 million Americans would lose their health care next year, under a disastrous Republican plan that is now in the Senate. In these early stages of the Senate debate over repealing the Affordable Care Act, it is critical that senators hear from their constituents about the importance of protecting America's health coverage.

Use our tool to email your Senators and see their office phone numbers, asking them to reject the House bill – and any bill that would increase the number of uninsured, undermine consumer protections, and cut the Medicaid program.

- Meeting with Senators, town halls, rallies



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Advocacy Guide February 2017

How to Set up a Meeting with Your Member of Congress

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Engaging face-to-face with government officials and their staff is the single most powerful advocacy strategy you can pursue. Here we outline the steps for a successful meeting with Members of Congress.

Step 1: Select Members for a Meeting

Members of Congress find it most helpful to hear from their direct constituents— the people who live in the districts they represent.

- You can [find your Representative](#) based on your zip code.
- You can [find your U.S. Senators](#) based on your state.



Write a Letter to the Editor About the Health Care Law

To help inform and educate the public about the vital role that Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act play in our health care system, submit a letter to your local newspaper. Share a personal story about how these systems have helped you or someone you know and how you or they would be affected if changes are made to Medicaid or ACA coverage and consumer protections are repealed.


[Learn more about what repealing the ACA or cutting Medicaid would mean for families.](#)

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Senator,
it's up to you.
Who will lose
their Medicaid
coverage first?

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