

HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA NOW!

Tell Congress: Don't Take Our Health Care by Wrecking Medicaid

Core message: The Republican health care bill takes health care away from 24 million Americans, slashes Medicaid, sends premiums through the roof, and puts people with pre-existing conditions back at the mercy of the private insurance companies. It promotes barebones coverage, weakens protections for people who get health insurance, and defunds Planned Parenthood. All to give huge tax breaks to the wealthy and drug and insurance corporations. To get their way, Trump and the Republicans in Congress are now sabotaging care for the millions of Americans who rely on the Affordable Care Act, by hiking premiums and co-payments and chasing insurance companies out of providing coverage.

Core message on Medicaid: The Republican health care bill slashes *Medicaid by \$880 billion in two ways* – taking away Medicaid expansion coverage from millions of people, and radically restructuring the federal funding for the basic Medicaid program to starve it over the years, forcing eligibility and benefit cuts. Their gutting of Medicaid threatens the health care of 74 million Americans – from children to seniors – who rely on Medicaid every day and blows huge holes in state budgets.

Medicaid Matters: Medicaid provides coverage to 74 million people – one in four Americans, including 30 million children. It pays for half the births in the United States, 75% of all family planning services and 50% of long-term care.

The Republican bill will take Medicaid away from 14 million Americans:

- *The Republican bill ends the expansion of Medicaid to working families*, which has led to millions of Americans getting lifesaving health coverage, having a regular doctor or clinic to go to, cutting their out-of-pocket costs and improving their health.

The Republican bill radically changes Medicaid, with deep cuts that will endanger health care for 74 million Americans.

- *The Republican bill is an attack on women's health care*, from family planning and preventive services to the half of pregnant women who rely on Medicaid to pay for their children's births to the millions of older women who rely on Medicaid to pay for their long-term care.
- *The Republican bill is an attack on long-term care for seniors and people with disabilities.* Medicaid now covers more than 60% of nursing home residents across our nation. And Medicaid allows more than 3.2 million seniors and people with disabilities to live with independence in their own homes.
- *The Republican bill's radical changes and deep, permanent cuts to Medicaid will wreck state budgets and jeopardize the jobs of millions of health care providers.* It will force many hospitals and community health centers to cut back services and others to close.
- *The Republican health care bill radically replaces a 50-year partnership between the federal government and states with an artificial cap that will force states to either end coverage or eliminate health care services for seniors, people with disabilities, children and working families*
- *The Republican bill's radical changes in Medicaid funding will cripple states faced with health emergencies like the opioid crisis.* When there is a health care emergency, it will be up to the states alone to meet the challenge, without a dime of extra help from the federal government.