



What would Repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Mean for Florida?¹

ACA repeal puts coverage for over 2.2 million Floridians-- including children and people with pre-existing conditions-- at risk. Most are in working families. The ACA, Medicaid, and CHIP have provided affordable health insurance coverage to millions of Americans-- many of them for the first time starting in 2014. Nationwide, over 80% of Americans that stand to lose coverage are members of working families with family incomes between 100% and 250% of the federal poverty level (between \$24,300 and \$60,750 for a family of 4).

Florida would lose ground on historic progress covering children. More children have coverage than ever before on record-- 95% nationally and 93% in Florida in 2015.² Threats to alter financing of Medicaid and KidCare - also on the table for 2017 healthcare proposals - would mean additional cuts to kids and families who rely on those programs. For example, if Florida's KidCare program is eliminated, the uninsured rates for Florida's children would skyrocket to over 20%.³

Florida would lose billions in federal support and tens of thousands of jobs. Not only will over 2.2 million Floridians lose their health insurance, Florida stands to lose over \$8 billion in federal dollars annually. Most of those dollars (over \$6.1 billion) go to pay for the premium tax credits and cost sharing reductions that make insurance affordable for low and moderate income Floridians. In addition, the state would lose over 180,000 jobs.⁴

Many Floridians would immediately lose affordable health coverage. Repealing the federal support for coverage *without a replacement plan*, would destabilize the insurance market almost immediately. Even a gradual phase out of the tax credits that help make coverage affordable could force most Floridians out of the marketplace. Those remaining will likely be less healthy, and insurers need healthy consumers to balance the cost of paying for sicker customers. The proposed repeal without replacement means premiums could skyrocket for all of us.

¹ L. Blumberg, M. Buettgens, and J. Holahan, "Implications of Partial Repeal of the ACA through Reconciliation," Urban Institute, December 2016.

² J. Alker and A. Chester, "Children's Health Coverage Rate Now at Historic High of 95 Percent," Georgetown University Center for Children and Families (October 2016).

³ M. Buettgens, G. Kenney, C. Pan, "Partial Repeal of the ACA through Reconciliation, Coverage Implications for Parents and Children" Urban Institute, December 2016.

⁴ L. Ku, E. Steinmetz, E. Brantley et al., "Repealing Federal Health Reform: Economic and Employment Consequences for States", The Commonwealth Fund, January 2017.

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