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WHAT WE WOULD LOSE

HOW REPEAL OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WOULD AFFECT
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SITUATION

Congressional Republicans, with the support of the President, are moving to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and replace it with a plan that would cover fewer people, shift more costs on to individuals and states, and provide worse coverage. The bill would cut benefits for low- and moderate-income people in order to provide a large tax cut to wealthy Americans.

WHAT ELSE IS AT RISK

Abortion coverage: Women would be unable to buy private health insurance coverage that includes abortion, if they use federal tax credits to pay any portion of the premium. This would encourage insurers to drop abortion coverage. This punitive policy ignores the fact that the ACA already barred the use of federal tax credits for abortion, requiring women to pay extra premium dollars for policies that cover abortion.

Affordability of coverage for older adults: The bill would allow insurance companies to charge older people five times as much as they charge younger people. But the financial help older people could get would only be twice as much as for younger people. Women in their 50s and 60s who lose coverage through divorce or widowhood would be

WHAT DOES THE REPEAL BILL MEAN TO US?

SKIMPY SUBSIDIES TO HELP PEOPLE BUY INSURANCE

The ACA helps low- and moderate-income people buy coverage with financial aid based on their income, age and how expensive insurance is where they live. The repeal bill replaces this help with much skimpier support and higher out-of-pocket costs. *For example, a 60-year-old making minimum wage receives (on average) almost \$10,000 from the ACA to help her buy good insurance—and more if she lives where premiums are high. Under repeal, she would get just \$4,000—no matter where she lives or how expensive her insurance.* People would be expected to put aside money in Health Savings Accounts to pay for health care, but many families have no extra funds. These policies especially hurt women, who earn less than men.

CUTS TO MEDICAID

The bill effectively ends Medicaid expansion for low-income adults by cutting its federal funding in half after 2019. It caps and cuts federal support for original Medicaid, forcing states to cut benefits or drop children, pregnant women, disabled people, and more from coverage.

NO REQUIREMENT FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

Employers would no longer be required to offer health insurance. Their employees could lose their health insurance, or face much higher premium costs for coverage.

MEDICAID COVERAGE BANNED AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Women would no longer be able to use Medicaid coverage to obtain contraceptive services and counseling, STI testing and treatment, and breast and cervical cancer screenings at Planned Parenthood, which would be barred from receiving federal funds.

PENALTIES FOR THOSE TRYING TO REGAIN COVERAGE

Under the bill, anyone losing coverage for 63 days or more—even if it's the result of a lost job or a long sickness—would have to pay 30% more to an insurance company to regain coverage.

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