

Health Care in Florida 2017 and Beyond

What did we have with ACA and what is Repeal and Replace?



WHAT HAS ACA GIVEN FLORIDA?

- By December 19, 2016 there were [nearly 1.3 million people](#) enrolled in plans in the Florida exchange for 2017.
- Florida's enrollment as of December 19 was by far the highest of any of the states using HealthCare.gov. The next closest was Texas, where fewer than 776,000 people had enrolled.



HOW MANY GAINED COVERAGE?

- The data show that the uninsured rate in Florida has fallen by 38 percent since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was enacted in 2010, translating into 1,597,000 Floridians gaining coverage.



ACA HAS BETTERED ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

- Almost 9 million Floridians have Employer based health care coverage
- ACA removed lifetime limits from policies benefitting almost 6 million
- Young adults covered until 26 benefitting almost 132,000
- Free preventative care
 - Flu shots, mammograms, cancer screenings,
 - contraception
 - Benefitting more than 7 million Americans



ACA BETTERED INDIVIDUAL MARKET POLICIES

- About 1.5 million people have individual policies
- Pre-existing illnesses are not excluded
- Tax credits to help pay  insurance are available to more individual plans
 - About 1.5 million low –moderate income
 - get about 300/month
- Women pay the same as men
- Greater transparency and often better choice



MEDICARE IMPROVED BY ACA

- Over 4 million covered by medicare
- Lower costs for prescription drugs
- Free preventative care
 - Well visits
 - Preventative screenings
 - Almost 2 million took part in one free preventative service
- Better hospital safety with incentives
- to reduce accidents and mistakes
 - Hospital readmissions dropped 3% 2010 to 2015



MEDICAID EXPANSION PROFFERED BUT REFUSED BY FLORIDA

- Florida offered 5 billion a year for expansion
- to cover about 800,000 million Floridians
- 28% of those who could have been covered have mental illness that could have been treated (over 300,000)
- 9000 deaths a year could have been avoided

WHAT IS REPEAL AND REPLACE?

- Congressional Republicans kicked off the 2017 session by beginning the process of repealing (via defunding) the ACA
- Reconciliation budget requires a majority
- This will take many steps and between two to five years to repeal
- So far no changes in care are impending
- A desire for political statement without immediate negative repercussions.



WHAT ARE SOME REPEAL AND REPLACE IDEAS?

- RED STATES THAT EXPANDED MEDICAID, WILL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION?
 - If states are rewarded for expansion, will states that did not expand medicaid be hurt by lower federal funding?
 - ANSWER: “These are decisions we haven’t made yet,” said House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-Ore.



WILL THERE BLOCK GRANTS FOR MEDICAID?

- Trump and his advisor Kellyanne Conway have made statements that they support this.
- A block grant could leave take away immediate coverage from about 70 million Americans who are now covered.
- This would allow states to carve up the federal dollars as they saw fit .



WILL SOME PROGRAMS BE TARGETTED FOR DEFUNDING?

- Some have plans to defund Planned parenthood with initial repeal –Speaker Ryan
- Some fear Defunding Planned Parenthood “We are just walking into a gigantic political trap if we go down this path of sticking Planned Parenthood in the health insurance bill,” he said. “If you want to do it somewhere else, I have no problem, but I think we are creating a political minefield for ourselves — House
- and Senate.”Rep Foss R.NY



WHAT IS THE HURRY WITH REPEAL AND REPLACE?

- How will present medical coverage be maintained if Obama care taxes are removed?
- [roughly 20 million Americans](#) ACA legislation could go uncovered: “We’re telling those people that we’re not going to pull the rug out from under them, and if we do this too fast, we are in fact going to pull the rug out from under them.” Rep Tom MacArthur, N



WHAT CAN WE DO?

- EDUCATE OURSELVES ABOUT EFFECTS OF DIFFERENT PLANS
- READ INFORMATION PRESENTED BY Health and human services
- Talk with legislators about what we from our health care
- Stress the financial and medical benefits of preventative care



BE A PART OF THE DISCUSSION AND THE SOLUTION

- Host educational panels and invite the policy makers- legislators and senators
- In the capital, invite nationally known and state known experts on the impact of repealing ACA
- Engage and participate in educating legislators on the baseline issues
- Offer solutions based on information
- from experts



EDUCATE LOCAL POLICYMAKERS AND LOCAL CITIZENS

- Talk with public hospital CEO's find out their concerns
- Talk with Community Health Care Providers
 - What impacts do they see?
- Talk with County Health departments Where do they see that the community health system is fragile?
- Talk with County Commissioners
- Call two people right now and share.



TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP

- “...ACA repeal could double the number of uninsured Americans, reduce access to health services, and increase burdens for health care facilities.... the consequences could extend well beyond the health care system, triggering major reductions in employment and substantial losses in state economic activity and reduced state and local revenues. And these repercussions are likely to reverberate across all states and most sectors of the economy.” *Commonwealth Fund*



KEEP IT FACTUAL AND SIMPLE

- Write letters to the editor about negative aspects of removing different parts of ACA
- Focus on the positive benefits of ACA that will be lost
 - Good references Healthinsurance.gov,
 - [Health and Human services.gov](http://HealthandHumanServices.gov)
 - Washington Post newspaper
 - Georgetown center on health
 - Commonwealth fund

