

LOUISIANA AND THE BCRA

WHAT THE HEALTHCARE DEBATE MEANS FOR YOU

THE BETTER CARE RECONCILIATION ACT (BCRA) IS DANGEROUS FOR LOUISIANA — ACT NOW!

The Affordable Care Act (ACA), or “Obamacare,” made many changes to our health care system that improved access to healthcare for millions of Americans. The Senate is currently debating the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA), which repeals parts of the ACA and makes draconian cuts to Medicaid and to the tax credits and subsidies that help many individuals and families afford health insurance. The changes in the BCRA place vulnerable populations in Louisiana at risk.

Whose healthcare coverage is threatened by the BCRA?

People on Medicaid could lose coverage under massive Medicaid cuts:

- **1,582,411** people in Louisiana rely on Medicaid.
 - The state will lose funds needed to provide the healthcare services currently offered through Medicaid—to make up for BCRA cuts, one in four beneficiaries would lose their coverage.
- As of May 2017, **716,345** children in Louisiana relied on Medicaid for services and supports.
 - In 2010, 58% of the 207,840 children with disabilities in Louisiana relied on public insurance to help pay for medical expenses.
- More than **263,000** people with disabilities in Louisiana have health insurance through Medicaid.
- **433,412** people have gained Medicaid coverage through Medicaid expansion as of June 2017.
 - Only 6% of people on Medicaid expansion would be able to afford private insurance under the BCRA.
 - 72% of people in Louisiana support Medicaid expansion.

People who rely on subsidies and tax credits to help pay for insurance will see that assistance decimated:

- **110,899** individuals in Louisiana receive subsidies and tax credits to help them pay for insurance.

The percentage of uninsured people in Louisiana dropped from 21.7% in 2013 to less than 12.5% today as a result of the ACA. This progress is at risk under the BCRA.

What will the BCRA cost Louisiana?

- Under the BCRA, Louisiana would face a perpetual Medicaid budget crisis, driven by compounding Medicaid cuts:
 - Louisiana loses **\$2.8 billion** in federal Medicaid funds by 2026, a **9% reduction in annual funding**.
 - That loss would compound to **\$29.2 billion** by 2036, a **29% reduction in annual funding**.
- Louisiana businesses face potential losses of more than **\$3.7 billion** by 2026, with over **22,000** jobs lost. Federal Medicaid funding not only pays healthcare providers, it supports health infrastructure like hospitals.

CONTACT SENATOR CASSIDY TODAY AND TELL HIM: Vote NO on the BCRA!

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