

NEVADA AND THE BCRA

WHAT THE HEALTHCARE DEBATE MEANS FOR YOU

THE BETTER CARE RECONCILIATION ACT (BCRA) IS DANGEROUS FOR NEVADA — 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 Nevada at risk.

Whose healthcare coverage is threatened by the BCRA?

People on Medicaid could lose coverage under massive Medicaid cuts:

- **636,549** people in Nevada 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 three beneficiaries would lose their coverage.
- As of 2016, **353,649** children in Nevada, or 61%, relied on Medicaid for services and supports.
 - In 2010, 34% of the 82,108 children with disabilities in Nevada relied on public insurance to some degree to help pay for medical expenses.
- More than **125,000** people with disabilities in Nevada have health insurance through Medicaid.
- **211,290** people in Nevada have gained coverage through Medicaid expansion as of March 2016.

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

- **63,968** individuals in Nevada receive subsidies and tax credits to help them pay for insurance.

The percentage of uninsured people in Nevada dropped from 19% in 2013 to 13% in 2015 as a result of the ACA. This progress is at risk under the BCRA.

What will the BCRA cost Nevada?

- Under the BCRA, Nevada would face a perpetual Medicaid budget crisis, driven by compounding Medicaid cuts:
 - Nevada would lose **\$2.2 billion** in federal Medicaid funds by 2026, a **22% reduction in annual funding**.
 - That loss would compound to **\$12.9 billion** by 2036, a **37% reduction in annual funding**.
- Nevada businesses face potential losses of more than **\$1 billion** by 2026 and **5,100** jobs may be lost. Federal Medicaid funding not only pays healthcare providers, it supports health infrastructure like hospitals.
- In 2015, Nevada schools received **\$10.1 million** in federal Medicaid funding, which would be at risk under the BCRA.

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