

# WEST VIRGINIA AND THE BCRA

## WHAT THE HEALTHCARE DEBATE MEANS FOR YOU

### THE BETTER CARE RECONCILIATION ACT (BCRA) IS DANGEROUS FOR WEST VIRGINIA — 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 West Virginia at risk.

#### Whose healthcare coverage is threatened by the BCRA?

##### People on Medicaid could lose coverage under massive Medicaid cuts:

- More than **564,000** people in West Virginia, 29% of the state’s total population, 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 need to lose their coverage.
- As of 2016, **243,547** children in West Virginia relied on Medicaid for services and supports.
  - In 2010, 57.9% of the 70,609 children with disabilities in West Virginia relied on public insurance to some degree to help pay for medical expenses.
- More than **148,000** people with disabilities in West Virginia have health insurance through Medicaid.
- **180,500** people in West Virginia have gained coverage through Medicaid Expansion.

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

- **25,841** individuals in West Virginia receive subsidies and tax credits to help them pay for insurance.

**The percentage of uninsured people in West Virginia dropped from 14.6% in 2010 to 6% in 2015 as a result of the ACA. This progress is at risk under the BCRA.**

#### What will the BCRA cost West Virginia?

- Under the BCRA, West Virginia would face a perpetual Medicaid budget crisis, driven by compounding Medicaid cuts:
  - West Virginia would lose **\$2 billion** in federal Medicaid funds by 2026, a **13% reduction in annual funding**. That loss would compound to **\$15.3 billion** by 2036, a **32% reduction in annual funding**.
- West Virginia businesses face potential losses of more than **\$2.3 billion** by 2026 and a loss of more than **13,000** jobs. Federal Medicaid funding not only pays healthcare providers, it supports health infrastructure like hospitals.
- In 2015, West Virginia schools received **\$17.6 million** in federal Medicaid funding, which would be at risk under the BCRA.

### CONTACT SENATOR CAPITO TODAY AND TELL HER: Vote NO on the BCRA!

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