

## Repeal of Health Law Threatens Ohio Residents

Nearly 1 million people stand to lose coverage by 2019

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More than 900,000 additional Ohioans have health coverage today due to provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Repealing the ACA would jeopardize the health coverage of almost 1 million Ohioans and financially strain Ohio's healthcare system.

### The Affordable Care Act in Ohio

- The share of Ohioans without health insurance dropped sharply, from 11 percent of the population in 2013, to just 6.5 percent in 2015. This is better than the national rate of 9.4 percent.
- Nearly 690,000 Ohioans enrolled in coverage as a result of the Medicaid expansion by December 2016. An estimated 212,000 people enrolled in marketplace coverage, most with subsidies that offset much of the cost.
- The ACA prohibits insurers from imposing either lifetime or annual limits on the coverage they provide, which helps 4 million Ohioans with employers-sponsored or individual-market coverage
- Insurance companies can no longer deny coverage to the 5 million Ohioans with pre-existing conditions.
- Under the ACA, health plans must fully cover the cost of preventive services benefitting an estimated 5.2 million Ohioans.
- Ten job sectors with the most workers using Medicaid: food service, construction, nursing care, temp agencies, home health care, child day care, grocery store, department and discount stores, building services, and hotels/motels

### Mahoning County

- If ACA is repealed, Mahoning County would be one of the hardest hit counties with 14.4 percent of working age people (19 to 64) relying on Medicaid expansion.
- Nearly, 20,000, or 8.6 percent of the total population, people in Mahoning County are insured by Medicaid
- Mahoning County receives \$11,123,871 in Medicaid Funding

### Cost of Repeal

- The Urban Institute estimates that Ohio's budget would lose \$3.5 billion in federal dollars in 2019.
- Repeal of the ACA would mean the loss of \$535 million in federal marketplace spending in 2019 and \$5.8 billion between 2019 and 2028. Ohio would lose \$3.5 billion in federal Medicaid funding in 2019 and \$42.2 billion between 2019 and 2028.
- Potential \$15 billion loss from 2018 and 2026 if Federal payments to hospitals that deliver a disproportionate share of uncompensated care are not restored to pre-ACA levels

### Repeal ACA in 2019 and...

**964,000**

Ohioans lose health coverage

**\$3.5 billion**

fewer federal dollars for Ohio's state budget

**\$535 million**

less comes to Ohioans' household budgets

**\$15 billion**

Increased cost of indigent care to Ohio hospitals over time

