



ACA Repeal Action Alert
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Republicans in Congress have released their tax cut plan disguised as an ACA replacement. House Committees are expected to begin marking up the bill this week, with a House vote as early as March 20.

Here's some of what's included:

- **Ends Medicaid expansion:** Makes it optional for states to continue Medicaid expansion, and reduces income eligibility and federal funding for state Medicaid programs, meaning millions fewer would have coverage.
- **Sharply reduces funding for Medicaid:** To help pay for their plan, it caps Medicaid funding, ultimately, shifting responsibility to the states and leaving Governors and state legislatures no choice but to reduce coverage and increase costs for millions of *additional* seniors, low-income families, people with disabilities, and children.
- **Replaces premium subsidies with meager tax credits based on age, putting coverage out of reach for many working families.**
- **Eliminates both the individual mandate and employer mandate,** which will once again sharply increase the number of uninsured Americans and throw the insurance market into chaos.
- **Raises premium costs for older individuals** by allowing insurers to charge much higher premiums than current law for older adults.
- **Undermines protections for those with pre-existing conditions:** Replaces guaranteed coverage with high risk pools and allowing insurers to charge a large penalty - as much as 30% for someone who has a gap in coverage.
- **Provides health savings accounts for the rich:** It's just another tax break for the wealthiest. For people living paycheck-to-paycheck, this doesn't make health care more affordable or accessible.
- **Defunds Planned Parenthood:** and cuts off essential care for women who depend on Planned Parenthood for their care.
- **Gives a huge tax break to the very wealthy:** as well as, pharma, and insurers and even health insurance company CEOs. The top 0.1% of households—those with income of at least \$3.7 million a year—would receive a tax cut of about \$197,000 in 2017, on average.
- **Repeals essential benefits, like maternity and mental health coverage,** leaving the decision on what to cover to states, insurance companies and your employer.

Your Senators and Representatives need to hear from you

- Congressional Representatives need to hear from you that this repeal plan is merely a set of tax breaks for the very wealthy and will put insurance coverage out of reach for millions of America's families. <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

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Resources

- [See Randi Weingarten's, AFT President, statement on the plan](#)
- For more resources, go to <http://allin.rtp.aft.org/>