

How Would Proposals to Replace the Affordable Care Act Affect Your State?

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Projected impact of American Health Care Act (AHCA) and Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA)

Health Care Coverage

**232,000
more uninsured**

The Senate bill (BCRA) would increase the number of uninsured people under age 65 in Iowa by 232,000 by 2022.

Source: L.J. Blumberg, et al. State-by-State Coverage and Government Spending Implications of the Better Care Reconciliation Act, Urban Institute, June 28, 2017

Hospital Finances

Under the AHCA (House bill), Iowa hospitals would face a 66% increase in uncompensated care (treatments and services not paid for by an insurer or patient) and 1.8 percentage point reduction in annual operating margins by 2026. Rural hospitals would face a 53% increase in uncompensated care and 1.7 percentage point reduction in operating margins.

Source: R. Haught, A. Dobson, J. DaVanzo, and M. K. Abrams, "How the American Health Care Act's Changes to Medicaid Will Affect Hospital Finances in Every State," To the Point, The Commonwealth Fund, June 23, 2017.

**66% increase in
uncompensated
care costs**

State Revenue

**\$5.8 billion in
federal funding
potentially lost**

Iowa could face Medicaid spending cuts of between \$487 million and \$5.8 billion between 2020-2026 under the AHCA and BCRA.

Source: C. Mann et al., "Expect the Unexpected: The Impact of Medicaid Caps," To the Point, The Commonwealth Fund, June 30, 2017.

Jobs

The BCRA would lead to about 14,500 fewer Iowa jobs by 2026.

Source: L. Ku, E. Steinmetz, E. Brantley et al., The Better Care Reconciliation Act: Economic and Employment Consequences for States, The Commonwealth Fund, July 2017.

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Opioid Treatment

Lives at risk

An estimated 5 lives were saved in Iowa from opioid overdose in 2016 due to Medicaid-covered naloxone.

Source: R. G. Frank and C. E. Fry, "Medicaid Expands Access to Lifesaving Naloxone," To the Point, The Commonwealth Fund, July 5, 2017



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