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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REPEAL THREATENS THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC SECURITY OF 8.8 MILLION WOMEN WHO RECENTLY GAINED INSURANCE COVERAGE

Health care is key to women's well-being and economic stability. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act (ACA, also known as "Obamacare"), insurance is easier to get and afford, and plans can no longer refuse to cover women. Each year, millions of women enroll in insurance plans under the ACA, but the law is under constant threat. Any repeal of the ACA or changes to the Medicaid program threaten the important gains women have made in obtaining quality, affordable health coverage that allows them to stay healthy and economically secure. Recent Census data show that if the ACA is repealed or changes are made to the Medicaid program, women have a lot to lose.

LOSING GAINS IN HEALTH COVERAGE NATIONWIDE:

- More than 89.6 million women ages 18–64 across the United States now have health insurance through an employer, the ACA marketplaces, state Medicaid programs, or another source.¹
- Between 2013–2016, more than 8.8 million women ages 18–64 gained health insurance coverage.
- More than 92 percent of women and girls had health insurance in 2016, up 0.4 percentage points from 2015.
- The uninsurance rate for women ages 18–64 has dropped by 37 percent, from 16.9 percent in 2013 to just 10.6 percent in 2016.

LOSING GAINS IN MEDICAID COVERAGE NATIONWIDE:

- More than 17.4 million women ages 18–64 – more than 1 in 6 – across the United States now have health insurance through Medicaid.
- States expanding Medicaid are among those that have seen the largest increases of Medicaid coverage among women ages 18–64, including California, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington.

Repealing the ACA or changing the Medicaid program puts these millions of women in jeopardy of losing their health coverage.

¹ NWLC calculations based on U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 and 2016 American Community Survey 1-year estimates, Tables C27001 and C27007 available at <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>. Gains made in health insurance and Medicaid coverage of women 18–64, from 2013–2016 is calculated as the difference between the number of women with health insurance or Medicaid in 2013 and number of women with health insurance or Medicaid in 2016. Our analysis compares 2013 and 2016 health insurance coverage or Medicaid coverage of women 18–64 as a representation of pre- and post-Affordable Care Act (ACA) trends. While some reforms of the ACA went into effect in 2010, the marketplaces did not become operational until 2014, and many of the major reforms aimed at expanding health coverage to more Americans—such as prohibitions on denying coverage for prior medical conditions, requirements that individuals have health insurance coverage, expansion of Medicaid to all adults making up to 133% of Federal Poverty Level, and availability of tax credits to purchase health plans on the newly opened health insurance marketplace—were not implemented until 2014.



Health Insurance Coverage of Women 18-64

State	Number of women with health coverage in 2016	Percent of women with health coverage in 2013	Percent of women with health coverage in 2016	Number of women who gained coverage 2013-2016	Health coverage change rate between 2013-2016
Total	89,627,795	82%	91%	8,861,882	11%
Alabama	1,331,870	81%	87%	90,926	7%
Alaska	185,317	78%	83%	11,471	7%
Arizona	1,807,742	79%	91%	246,071	16%
Arkansas	808,978	77%	90%	115,438	17%
California	11,210,887	78%	93%	1,748,440	18%
Colorado	1,579,272	83%	96%	207,121	15%
Connecticut	1,066,718	89%	93%	51,299	5%
Delaware	278,786	89%	95%	16,857	6%
District of Columbia	241,530	94%	101%	16,372	7%
Florida	5,207,236	74%	87%	786,171	18%
Georgia	2,733,961	76%	85%	317,833	13%
Hawaii	404,194	91%	97%	23,668	6%
Idaho	420,902	78%	89%	49,761	13%
Illinois	3,698,138	84%	91%	281,908	8%
Indiana	1,837,944	82%	90%	167,919	10%
Iowa	889,374	90%	95%	49,399	6%
Kansas	765,632	83%	88%	41,096	6%
Kentucky	1,292,134	80%	94%	188,978	17%
Louisiana	1,262,530	77%	86%	133,173	12%
Maine	374,579	87%	89%	10,399	3%
Maryland	1,800,860	88%	93%	100,823	6%
Massachusetts	2,159,654	96%	98%	47,962	2%
Michigan	2,882,068	86%	93%	214,447	8%
Minnesota	1,610,240	91%	96%	88,137	6%
Mississippi	781,590	76%	84%	67,533	9%
Missouri	1,647,783	83%	88%	92,225	6%
Montana	278,666	78%	90%	37,827	16%
Nebraska	503,022	85%	89%	24,995	5%
Nevada	772,935	74%	90%	136,458	21%
New Hampshire	389,618	86%	92%	24,113	7%
New Jersey	2,545,151	83%	90%	200,180	9%
New Mexico	554,020	75%	88%	78,839	17%
New York	5,931,613	88%	93%	322,977	6%
North Carolina	2,765,597	79%	89%	290,554	12%
North Dakota	205,737	88%	95%	14,445	8%
Ohio	3,345,521	86%	93%	246,029	8%
Oklahoma	962,773	76%	82%	70,939	8%
Oregon	1,170,323	81%	95%	172,908	17%
Pennsylvania	3,701,927	88%	93%	185,827	5%
Rhode Island	327,530	86%	96%	32,752	11%
South Carolina	1,345,647	79%	89%	151,483	13%
South Dakota	222,569	84%	89%	13,681	7%
Tennessee	1,850,287	83%	90%	151,361	9%
Texas	6,700,307	72%	82%	859,019	15%
Utah	796,520	83%	94%	92,838	13%
Vermont	188,700	93%	94%	2,337	1%
Virginia	2,363,914	84%	89%	135,246	6%
Washington	2,097,127	82%	96%	305,196	17%
West Virginia	519,483	79%	91%	65,676	14%
Wisconsin	1,660,890	89%	94%	77,059	5%
Wyoming	147,999	82%	84%	3,716	3%



Medicaid Coverage of Women 18-64

State	Number of women with Medicaid coverage in 2016	Percent of women with Medicaid coverage in 2013	Percent of women with Medicaid coverage in 2016	Number of women who gained or lost Medicaid coverage 2013-2016	Medicaid coverage growth rate between 2013-2016
Total	17,417,553	13%	17%	4,422,394	34%
Alabama	212,118	13%	14%	16,493	8%
Alaska	30,970	10%	14%	8,811	40%
Arizona	446,277	16%	22%	137,047	44%
Arkansas	195,950	13%	22%	82,887	73%
California	2,982,078	15%	24%	1,193,105	67%
Colorado	293,421	10%	17%	120,469	70%
Connecticut	220,278	15%	19%	52,178	31%
Delaware	55,126	18%	19%	1,081	2%
District of Columbia	64,204	23%	26%	8,676	16%
Florida	853,057	12%	14%	149,819	21%
Georgia	364,196	10%	11%	53,011	17%
Hawaii	64,859	13%	15%	8,857	16%
Idaho	54,881	9%	11%	10,723	24%
Illinois	719,412	14%	18%	146,246	26%
Indiana	315,581	12%	16%	79,160	33%
Iowa	155,607	13%	17%	37,494	32%
Kansas	79,583	8%	9%	8,599	12%
Kentucky	360,688	13%	26%	186,002	106%
Louisiana	293,932	14%	20%	83,510	40%
Maine	69,674	20%	17%	-15,550	-18%
Maryland	300,711	11%	16%	81,060	37%
Massachusetts	513,769	21%	23%	60,984	13%
Michigan	673,531	16%	22%	167,237	33%
Minnesota	290,959	13%	17%	71,332	32%
Mississippi	155,397	16%	17%	7,078	5%
Missouri	195,012	11%	10%	-3,207	-2%
Montana	51,655	9%	17%	24,043	87%
Nebraska	46,690	8%	8%	2,044	5%
Nevada	153,829	8%	17%	83,084	117%
New Hampshire	48,568	7%	12%	17,017	54%
New Jersey	412,202	10%	15%	126,059	44%
New Mexico	180,473	18%	29%	69,374	62%
New York	1,567,428	20%	25%	298,967	24%
North Carolina	419,971	11%	13%	66,706	19%
North Dakota	20,937	8%	9%	3,791	22%
Ohio	738,923	15%	21%	213,243	41%
Oklahoma	129,339	11%	11%	-1,851	-1%
Oregon	279,258	12%	22%	125,993	82%
Pennsylvania	706,784	14%	18%	163,833	30%
Rhode Island	72,444	15%	21%	20,903	41%
South Carolina	228,667	13%	15%	34,857	18%
South Dakota	22,812	9%	9%	-716	-3%
Tennessee	379,547	15%	18%	73,455	24%
Texas	787,850	9%	9%	31,859	4%
Utah	73,150	8%	8%	5,504	8%
Vermont	48,345	22%	25%	4,232	10%
Virginia	217,908	7%	8%	27,595	14%
Washington	416,358	10%	18%	191,520	85%
West Virginia	163,427	15%	30%	76,455	88%
Wisconsin	275,137	15%	16%	6,927	3%
Wyoming	14,580	6%	9%	4,398	43%

