

The Trump Republican New Tax and Budget Law: Devastation to Women's Health and Financial Security

The new Trump Republican Tax and Budget Law (OBBA) will fundamentally alter the nation's health care system. It will take coverage away from women, increase prices for care that remains, and shut down trusted providers. This will be catastrophic for women's health, wellbeing, and economic security.¹

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Medicaid Coverage	
Over 18 million women, aged 19-64, have Medicaid coverage, which provides access to a range of services critical to women throughout their lifetime. There are 16 million women of reproductive age enrolled in Medicaid.	OBBA will push more than 10 million people off Medicaid by 2034. Research shows that those who lose coverage are likely to remain uninsured, which can lead to a range of harmful consequences, from not receiving care, to higher mortality rates, to more medical debt.
Medicaid Work Reporting Requirements	
Medicaid does not impose work reporting requirements. Data clearly demonstrate that most Medicaid enrollees who can work, do work.	OBBA will force people enrolled in federal Medicaid to meet work reporting requirements. People will lose coverage, which will disproportionately harm women because of unique employment barriers they face. Women are also more likely to provide caregiving, which is not fully exempted from the reporting requirements.

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Medicaid Cost-Sharing	
Medicaid imposes very low – or no – cost sharing on health care services. This enables enrollees to access the care they need.	OBBBA imposes mandatory cost sharing of up to \$35 per health care service on the Medicaid expansion population. Cost sharing disproportionately harms women, who are more likely to be cost-sensitive than men. It will be especially harmful to older women and women with chronic conditions.
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Subsidies	
Women rely on enhanced premium tax credits to afford health insurance on the ACA Marketplace. By 2024, approximately 10 million women purchased Marketplace coverage with tax credits, allowing most enrollees to find quality health coverage for \$10 or less.	OBBBA ends the enhanced premium tax credits. There will be a steep rise in premiums for women of all ages and income levels, in every state. It's projected that the average annual premium spikes for women – especially older women – could go up to \$4,574.
Access to Contraception	
Medicaid accounts for the largest share (75 percent) of all public spending on family planning services. The Affordable Care Act provides 62.1 million women ages 18-64 with insurance coverage of birth control without out-of-pocket costs.	Women will lose access to no-cost contraceptive coverage and Medicaid family planning coverage because of OBBBA. This will greatly impede women's ability to prevent unintended pregnancy and to plan and space pregnancies, leading to harm to their health, wellbeing, and economic security.
Coverage of Pregnancy-Related Care and Birth	
Medicaid covers pregnancy-related care and covers 4 in 10 births.	OBBBA will result in women losing Medicaid coverage that covers pregnancy and labor/delivery, exacerbating the maternal mortality and infant mortality crisis. One study found that more than 140 labor and delivery units across 41 states are at risk of closure or severe reductions because of OBBBA.

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Access to Planned Parenthood Health Centers	
Planned Parenthood provides essential health services to over 2 million patients annually, and 64% of Planned Parenthood health centers are located in communities with few or no other health care options.	Over 200 Planned Parenthood health centers could be forced to close because of OBBBA. This will leave people without the care they need.
Access to Abortion	
Despite attempts to shut down and criminalize abortion providers, people are still receiving abortion care. ²	OBBBA threatens to close 1 in 4 abortion clinics nationwide, throwing abortion access into further chaos.

- 1 Unless otherwise noted, all resources for data points can be found in Nat'l Women's Law Center, The Trump Republican New Tax and Budget Law is Devastating for Women's Health, Including Reproductive Health, Aug. 28, 2025, <https://nwlc.org/resource/the-trump-republican-new-tax-and-budget-law-is-devastating-for-womens-health-including-reproductive-health/>.
- 2 See Guttmacher, Abortion in the United States, Apr. 2025, <https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/induced-abortion-united-states>.

