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## The Facts About The Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA)

The Senate health-care plan would be devastating for Louisiana families, care providers and the state budget while providing a massive tax cut for the ultra-rich.

22 million will lose health care coverage, according to the Congressional Budget Office and millions of people will see the extent of their coverage shrink.

### WHO LOSES?

#### Working poor people who gained Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)

The bill drastically cuts and caps the entire Medicaid program, stripping coverage from an estimated 121,600 Louisianans who are covered through the “traditional” program, including children, people with disabilities and the elderly.

- **Cuts Medicaid by about \$774 billion** over 10 years and end the Affordable Care Act’s Medicaid expansion starting in 2021.
- Medicaid expansion provides coverage for more than **433,000 Louisianans** & is actually saving our state money.

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#### In Louisiana:

- Approx. 1.5 million people are on Medicaid.
- Louisiana families rely on Medicaid - 65% of all births in Louisiana are financed by Medicaid.

**Medicaid coverage reduces mortality and saves lives.**

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#### Low-income Americans not on Medicaid

The bill will raise premiums and deductibles for Louisianans who buy coverage in the individual marketplace.

- **In Louisiana, average marketplace premiums are projected to rise 105%**

#### People with pre-existing conditions

The bill guts consumer protections, potentially **leaving people with pre-existing conditions without access to health care.**

## Pregnant women and new mothers

The BCRA allows states to waive essential health benefits, including:

- Pregnancy, maternity, and newborn care
- Prescription drugs
- Preventive care, wellness services, and chronic disease management

## Planned Parenthood patients

If you rely on a Planned Parenthood clinic for non-abortion services, such as birth control, pregnancy and STD tests, and cancer screenings like breast exams and Pap smears, the Better Care Reconciliation Act affects you as well.

- Planned Parenthood could **no longer receive Medicaid reimbursements**, even though it's already barred from using federal Medicaid money to get abortion services.
- Medicaid patients could no longer seek treatment at Planned Parenthood clinics
- Low-income women will get less medical care and have **more unintended pregnancies**, as access to contraceptives would decline.

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## Call Your Senators TODAY - Tell them NO on BCRA

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*As your constituent, I urge Senator Cassidy/Kennedy to protect patients by voting NO on the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA). This bill will hurt Louisianan women -- your constituents -- by drastically rolling back Medicaid and jeopardizing coverage of maternity care and contraception. This bill will turn back the clock on women's health. Will Senator Cassidy/Kennedy commit to standing with the women of our state and vote NO on the BCRA?*

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