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Republican ACA Repeal Plan Will Make America Sick Again

Sham budget sets up ACA repeal and assaults on women's health care and the safety net

House Republican leaders plan a vote this week on a bare-bones budget drafted solely to allow for repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and defunding of Planned Parenthood by a simple majority in the Senate. Republicans' rush to repeal is deeply irresponsible and suggests they are more interested in scoring political points with the party's conservative wing than they are in protecting the health and economic security of American families. But it doesn't stop there. Taking away the ACA is the first step in a broader Republican agenda to make seniors pay more for Medicare, make steep cuts to Medicaid and food assistance, and gut investments that help American families.

Repeal will have devastating consequences for working families, women, and the economy

Health care experts, governors, and hospitals warn that repealing the ACA without a comprehensive plan in its place will cause chaos, including:

- Nearly 30 million people would lose health care coverage, including more than 4 million kids;
- With the individual insurance market in shambles, families remaining in what's left of it could face higher premiums and fewer choices as insurers exit;
- In total, hospitals would lose billions of dollars and might reduce services or cut jobs; and
- The country would lose 2.6 million jobs in 2019, with the majority in non-health sectors.

Repealing the ACA would hurt the economy and give hundreds of billions of dollars in tax cuts to corporations and the wealthy, suggesting Republicans would rather give big tax breaks to their wealthy funders and insurance companies than protect the American people.

Additionally, eliminating Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood would severely restrict women's access to comprehensive care such as contraception, cancer screenings, and STI tests and treatments.

Republicans do not have a replacement plan. Period.

"Repeal and Replace" is a silly slogan, not a real plan. Republicans have had seven years to produce and coalesce around an alternative to the ACA, and they totally failed. Why? Because they refuse to acknowledge the law is making some big differences in people's lives, and Republican ideas cannot match the ACA's success. Without the ACA, insurance companies could continue to make their own rules, and deny coverage based on a person's health status or job, offer lousy benefits, and impose annual and lifetime limits. Seniors would still face the Part D donut hole and have to pay more for drugs, and parents would not be able to keep their kids on their plan until age 26. Without the ACA, 20 million people would not have gained coverage, and we would not have the lowest uninsured rate on record. If Republicans really think they can match this record of success with their own plan, they should show it to the American people first. It is wrong to put families, the health care system, or our economy at risk. Peoples' lives and livelihoods are on the line and they deserve to know what exactly Republicans have in store for them.