

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

ALASKA

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

Health Care Coverage

67,000
more uninsured

The Senate bill (BCRA) would increase the number of uninsured people under age 65 in Alaska by 67,000 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), Alaska hospitals would face a 28% increase in uncompensated care (treatments and services not paid for by an insurer or patient) and 1.5 percentage point reduction in annual operating margins by 2026. Rural hospitals would face a 35% increase in uncompensated care and 1.9 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.

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State Revenue

\$2.7 billion in federal
funding potentially
lost

Alaska could lose between \$562 million and \$2.7 billion in federal Medicaid funds in 2026 under the AHCA.

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 1,800 fewer Alaska jobs by 2026.

Source: L. Ku, E. Steinmetz, E. Brantley et al., The American Health Care Act: Economic and Employment Consequences for States, The Commonwealth Fund, June 2017.

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Opioid Treatment

Lives at risk

An estimated 11 lives were saved in Alaska 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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