Repealing the ACA: Coverage Consequences

Repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would result in massive losses of coverage for all Pennsylvanians. A new Commonwealth Fund study estimates that ACA repeal (Marketplace and Medicaid expansion) without replacement would result in the loss of 172,000 private and public sector jobs.

Effects of ACA repeal:
- 6.5 million would lose coverage
- 89,000 premature deaths
- 500,000 baby births to uninsured women
- $14 billion in increased health care spending
- $400 billion in overall lost economic growth

The ACA has made a positive impact on health care

- Pennsylvania has a 6.4% uninsured rate due to hundreds of thousands gaining coverage including:
  - 89,000 young adults who were able to stay on parents’ plan to age 26
  - Pennsylvania’s uninsured rate has fallen by nearly 40% since 2010

ACA Coverage Statistics

- 2.6 million Pennsylvanians are covered through Medicaid
- 685,000 Pennsylvanians were newly insured
- 420,000 Pennsylvanians reaffirmed their health care coverage

Do not repeal ACA without adequate replacement:
- Ensure continuity of care and access to a robust, competitive delivery system
- Ensure stable and sufficient funding for hospitals
- Maintain momentum in delivery system transformation and innovation

Pennsylvania hospitals have adopted a set of priorities to support their communities

- Enhance accessibility to community health centers
- Strengthen the health care workforce
- Advance health equity and eliminate disparities
- Support patient engagement and consumerism
- Enhance care coordination for patients

In Pennsylvania, hospitals would face:
- $14.9 billion in Medicare and Medicaid payment cuts

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