

The American Health Care Act (AHCA) repeal bill fails, on every measure, to meet the baseline of care and coverage set by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The AHCA would take health insurance away from 24 million people. It would effectively end the Medicaid expansion and cap the Medicaid program, cutting federal Medicaid funds by \$880 billion dollars and shifting significant costs to states. It would gut financial help to pay for care for lower- and moderate-income families and further increase premiums for older adults. And, it would do all of this while giving billions of dollars in tax cuts to the wealthy and billion-dollar corporations.

President Trump has promised that he has a replacement plan that will provide “insurance for everybody,” and congressional leaders have promised that they will “leave no one worse off.” This bill does not come close to meeting that standard. America deserves better.

For more information on how to judge plans, see our report at: <http://familiesusa.org/product/eight-ways-judge-republican-aca-replacement-plans>.

Checklist: How AHCA Measures up

	YES	NO
Preserve the coverage gains made to date and further decrease the number of people in this country without health insurance.		✓
Ensure that health coverage is at least as comprehensive as what people have under the ACA.		✓
Ensure that premiums and cost-sharing—like deductibles and copays—are at least as affordable as those under the ACA.		✓
Ensure that the Medicaid and CHIP safety net continue to provide affordable, comprehensive health coverage for all low-income families who are entitled to it under current eligibility standards.		✓
Protect people with pre-existing health conditions at all times from discrimination by insurers.		✓
Prevent insurers from discriminating against women and older people.		✓
Ensure people have adequate assistance enrolling in and using their health coverage.		✓
Ensure efforts to rein in health care spending tackle true drivers of health care spending, improve care quality, and never simply shift costs to consumers.		✓

Endnotes

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