



# LOWER CAPE INDIVISIBLE

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**LOWER CAPE INDIVISIBLE (LCI)** is one of approximately 6,000 local groups in the United States using the [Indivisible Guide](http://www.indivisibleguide.com) ([www.indivisibleguide.com](http://www.indivisibleguide.com)) as a blueprint to oppose the Trump/Pence/Ryan agenda. Our membership generally hails from the Lower Cape communities of Brewster, Chatham, Harwich and Orleans, Massachusetts—but all are welcome. We also collaborate with allied groups throughout Cape Cod, the Islands, and beyond.

LCI opposes the U.S. Senate's Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA) because it disproportionately penalizes middle-age and elderly Americans, women, the poor, and those in need of mental health and disability services, and decreases funding for the Center for Disease Control.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- 49% of all births in the US are paid by Medicaid
- The bill proposes only \$2 billion in fiscal year 2018 to address the opioid drug epidemic
- Medicaid cuts disproportionately hurt rural hospitals and, across the country, 700 already teeter on the brink of closure
- Adults age 59-64 could pay up to 16.2% of their income on health insurance
- The BCRA cuts almost \$1 billion in funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which provides 12 percent of the Center for Disease Control's budget.

## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Contact your senators urging them to oppose the BCRA:

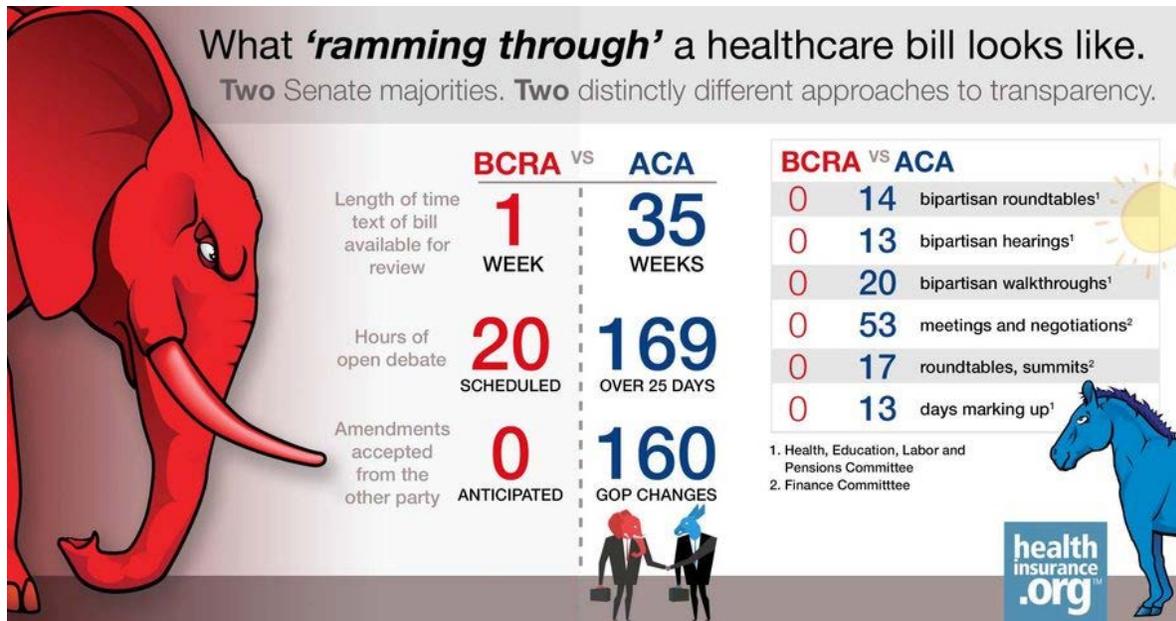
- **Massachusetts Residents:** Senator Warren (202) 224-4543; Senator Markey **202-224-2742**
- **All Other States' Residents:** Call (202) 224-3121 and tell the operator which state you are from to obtain your senator's contact information.

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## Proposed U.S. Senate "Better Care Reconciliation Act" Fact Sheet

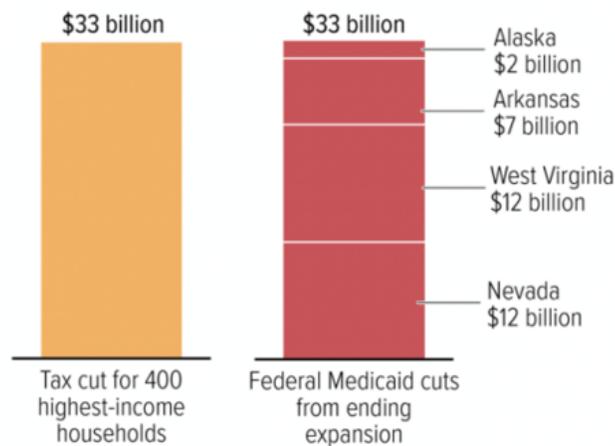
<b>Disproportionally penalizes older and elderly Americans</b>	The oldest people under 65 would pay five times more than younger people. Subsidies to help pay for insurance would end at incomes of 350 percent of poverty level, with adults 59-64 paying up to 16.2 percent of income. Medicaid would be cut starting in 2021.
<b>Disproportionally penalizes women</b>	A one-year block will be placed on federal reimbursements for care provided by Planned Parenthood. Medicaid will be capped, which would mean that if a woman has Medicaid as her health insurance plan, she can't go to Planned Parenthood for her health care and get those services covered. Planned Parenthood would no longer be able to be reimbursed for these services. Three-quarters of public dollars spent on family planning in this country are Medicaid dollars. Right now, 2.5 million people rely on Planned Parenthood for a range of health care services, like birth control and cancer screenings.
<b>Disproportionately penalizes those in need of mental health and disability services</b>	Medicaid would not be required to cover mental health after 2019. For other types of insurance, requirements could change in states that request a waiver. Disability services covered by Medicaid could be cut as federal funding to states declines over time. The cuts would be larger than those in the House bill.
<b>Disproportionately penalizes poor people</b>	Federal funding for Medicaid expansion phases out between 2021 and 2023. In addition, eight states would have a trigger clause — if the federal matching rate declines below the ACA-promised rates, the expansion goes away immediately, which would affect the states of Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and Washington. Further reductions would start in 2025.
<b>Eliminates taxes on ultra-high earners</b>	Like the House bill; would repeal ACA taxes on corporations and the wealthy that pay for insurance subsidies. Approximately \$592 billion in less taxes for ultra-high earners. Those making over \$250 million per year
<b>Is apt to disrupt health markets</b>	The Senate bill preserves a more popular piece of Obamacare: the requirement that insurance companies cover everyone, even those with pre-existing medical conditions. Imposing a coverage requirement on insurance companies without a corresponding mandate for customers runs the risk of creating a very shaky insurance market.
<b>Prevention and Public Health Fund</b>	Prevention and Public Health Fund – Like the AHCA, the BCRA would end the ACA's \$1 billion in funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund, but one year earlier than the AHCA on October 1, 2017 (FY 2018).

# THE SENATE PROPOSAL IN PICTURES



## Tax Cuts for Top 400 Roughly Equal Federal Spending Cuts from Ending Medicaid Expansion in Nevada, West Virginia, Arkansas, and Alaska

2019-2028



Note: Based on tax cuts and Medicaid spending cuts in the House-passed version of the American Health Care Act. Tax cut estimates based on the elimination of two Medicare taxes that only high-income filers pay. Federal Medicaid spending cuts are only cuts related to the Medicaid expansion and do not include the bill's cuts to other parts of Medicaid.

Source: CBPP calculations based on Internal Revenue Service Statistics of Income and Urban Institute data.

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### OTHER RESOURCES:

#### General:

- <http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2017/06/22/unpacking-the-senates-take-on-aca-repeal-and-replace/>
- <http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/06/22/533942041/who-wins-who-loses-with-senate-health-care-bill>
- <http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/tracking-reports-about-the-emerging-senate-bill-to-repeal-the-affordable-care-act>
- <https://www.akingump.com/images/content/5/8/v2/58667/The-Better-Care-Reconciliation-Act-of-2017-vs.-The-American-Heal.pdf>

#### Effect on Older People:

- <http://progresstribune.com/5391/pt1-aarp-vows-senators-support-trumpcare-will-suffer-consequences/>

#### Effect on Women:

- <https://www.vox.com/2017/6/22/15845832/republican-senate-healthcare-bill-planned-parenthood-better-care-reconciliation-act>

#### Effect on People with Disabilities:

- <http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/gop-health-bills-medicaid-cuts-threaten-care-for-people-with-disabilities>

#### Effect on Healthcare Markets:

- <http://www.npr.org/2017/06/24/534153075/how-the-senate-health-care-bill-could-disrupt-the-insurance-market>