The Impact of Public Health Policies on Low-Income Families

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Objectives

- Discuss efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act and undermine Medicaid
- Describe the American Health Care Act
- Explain the Protect Our Care – Illinois coalition
- Identify future risks to federal health programs
Purpose of the ACA

Figure 4
Expanding Medicaid to low-income adults is a core component of the ACA coverage expansions.
Medicaid Expansion

The ACA Medicaid Expansion Fills Current Gaps in Coverage

Medicaid Eligibility Today
Limited to Specific Low-Income Groups

Medicaid Eligibility in 2014
Extends to Adults ≤138% FPL

Elderly & Persons with Disabilities

Children

Pregnant Women

Parents

Adults

NOTE: The June 2012 Supreme Court decision in National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius maintained the Medicaid expansion, but limited the Secretary’s authority to enforce it, effectively making the expansion optional for states. 138% FPL = $15,856 for an individual and $26,951 for a family of three in 2013.
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## Snapshot of IL Medicaid/CHIP

Medicaid and ALL Kids (CHIP) serve Illinois’s most vulnerable children.

A large share of at-risk children rely on public coverage, as reflected by the percentage of Illinois children in each group below that depend on Medicaid and ALL Kids (CHIP) for health care they need to thrive:

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<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>84%</td>
<td>Children living in or near poverty.</td>
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<td>45%</td>
<td>Infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers during the early years that are key to their healthy development and school readiness.</td>
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<td>42%</td>
<td>Children with disabilities or other special health care needs such as juvenile diabetes, congenital heart conditions, or asthma.</td>
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<td>100%</td>
<td>Children in foster care who face poverty, family dysfunction, neglect, and abuse that result in high rates of chronic health, emotional, and developmental problems.</td>
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<td>50%</td>
<td>Newborns in low-income families to assure a healthy delivery and strong start during their critical first year of life.</td>
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Source: Georgetown Center for Children and Families
The American Health Care Act
Key Features of AHCA: private insurance

- Changes and reduces support to purchase private insurance
- Ends cost sharing reductions for deductibles
- Allows older enrollees to be charged more
- Removes Essential Health Benefits requirement
- Prohibits using federal funding to purchase abortion coverage
- Eliminates individual mandate and employer mandate
- Tax cuts for the wealthy and for businesses
Key Features of AHCA: Medicaid

- Freezes Medicaid Expansion
- Medicaid changed from entitlement to ‘per capita cap’
- Allows states to opt for a Medicaid block grant
- Requires redeterminations every six months for Medicaid expansion population
- Allows states to impose work requirements on Medicaid expansion population
- Eliminates Essential Health Benefits
- Defunds Planned Parenthood
Reversal of ACA progress

**PROJECTED NUMBER OF UNINSURED AMERICANS**

- **2001:** 41M
- **2016:** 27M
- **2026:** 52 mil.

Under GOP plan

Under Affordable Care Act

Actual number uninsured

Projected
Dramatic Changes to Medicaid

Medicaid Cost Shifts in House GOP Plan Would Total an Estimated $370 Billion Over 10 Years and Grow Over Time

Cost shifts to states, relative to current law

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*Enrollees under the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion

Source: CBPP analysis using Jan. 2017 Congressional Budget Office Medicaid baseline and inflation estimates from CBO and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Protect Our Care - Illinois

- Statewide coalition committed to protecting ACA and Medicaid
- Over 80 Illinois organizations
- Meetings with most of Illinois Congressional Delegation
- Thousands of phone calls to Illinois Congressional Delegation
- 15-20 rallies held on ACA Anniversary (March 23)
- Constant social media presence
- Letters to the editor
- Media interviews
AHCA Defeated!

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Protect Our Care - Illinois

ACA Consumer Advocacy
Access Living
ACLU of IL
AIDS Foundation of Chicago
Champaign County Health Care Consumers
Champaign-Urbana Public Health District
Chicago ADAPT
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition
Chicago Jobs Council
Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network
Children's Home + Aid
Citizen Action/Illinois
Communities United
Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois
Cook County Health and Hospital System
Democratic Party Of Oak Park - ACA Committee
Don Moss & Associates, Inc.
Eastern Illinois Foodbank
Easterseals Central Illinois
EverThrive Illinois
Family Counseling Center, Inc.
Family Service and Mental Health Center of Cicero
Greater Chicago Food Depository
Health & Disability Advocates
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
Healthcare Rights Coalition
Healthy Illinois Campaign
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights
Housing Action Illinois
Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans
Illinois Association for Behavioral Health
Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Illinois Coalition for Health Access
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Illinois LEND
Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities (IPADDUnite)
Illinois Partners for Human Service
Illinois Public Health Association
Indivisible Illinois
IndivisibleNWML
Infant Welfare Society of Chicago
Lake County Health Department & Community Health Center
League of Women Voters of Illinois
Legal Council for Health Justice
LIFE Center for Independent Living (LIFE CIL)
Memorial Behavioral Health
Mercy Housing
Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force
Metropolitan Family Services
MFID Waiver Families
NAMI Chicago
NAMI Illinois
National Council of Jewish Women IL State Policy Advocacy Network
Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium
Oral Health Forum
Organizing for Action-Springfield
Ounce of Prevention Fund
Planned Parenthood of Illinois
Providers for Healthcare Access
Rincon Family Services
sally duros
SEIU Healthcare Illinois
Small Business Majority
The Arc of Illinois
The Arts of Life
The Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHAI)
The Bradley Cameron Association
The Josselyn Center
The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Thresholds
United Way of Metropolitan Chicago
We Take Action Today
Will-Grundy CIL
Young Invincibles
Threats and Opportunities Continue

- Federal Administrative Action
- Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization
- FY17 Federal Appropriations
- FY18 Federal Budget
- Future attacks on Medicaid
- Efforts to defund Planned Parenthood
Federal Administrative Action: Private Insurance

- Exemptions or lack of enforcement for individual mandate
- Lawsuit contesting cost-sharing reductions
- Reduced open enrollment assistance and reduced days from 90 to 45
- Rule to ‘stabilize’ the market
- Section 1332 Waivers
Federal Administrative Action: Medicaid

- Waivers to impose work requirements
- Waivers to increase premiums and cost sharing
- Waivers to establish lockout periods for failing to pay premiums
- Lawsuits against these waivers
- Rewriting Medicaid MCO regulations
  - Network adequacy
  - Public information
  - Quality metrics
Congressional Action

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Congressional Action

- Major health reform legislation unlikely
- Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization
  - Cuts and harmful changes could be attached
- Budget and Approps bills
  - Full Medicaid structural change unlikely
  - Cuts and harmful changes possible
Reducing Childhood Lead Burden

Overview

- Lead was used in many common household products including toys, make up, jewelry, paint

- No amount of lead in the body is safe

- Extremely harmful in young children as it can cause changes in the body, including the brain.

- Danger still exists
Reducing Childhood Lead Burden

Sources of Lead

- Dust from paint
- Household Water
- Ceramics, China and Crystal Glassware
- Soil
- Toys and Jewelry
- Food Cans
Reducing Childhood Lead Burden

Lead is Harmful to Young Children

- Lead exposure can lower the IQ in children under 6
- Speech Disorders
- Learning Disabilities
- Increased Crime in Adulthood
- These issues lead to poor outcomes for children and increased costs to society
Illinois Action for Children is a catalyst for organizing, developing and supporting strong families and powerful communities where children matter most.
Reducing Childhood Lead Burden

SB 550

- All schools must be tested.
  - Schools built before 1987 must be tested by the end of 2017
  - Schools built between 1987 and 2000 must be tested by the end of 2018

- All licensed child care facilities built before the year 2000 must be tested.
  - Will be part of licensing
  - Rules must be adopted by the end of the year.
Reducing Childhood Lead Burden

Children’s Cabinet on Children and Youth

Lead Reduction Strategies
- Increase identification and service delivery
- Improve assessment and mitigation of environmental lead hazards
- Target prevention through better data
- Link services to those identified
- Improve prevention education
Questions?