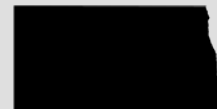


HOW **REPEALING** THE HEALTH REFORM LAW WOULD IMPACT WOMEN



LOSING PREVENTIVE CARE

- Health plans and Medicare would no longer be required to cover preventive care services, as they are currently required to do at no extra cost.
- This includes coverage of mammograms, cervical cancer screenings, pap tests, bone density tests, screening for domestic violence, the HPV vaccine and more.

An estimated 359,032 North Dakotans benefit from these services, including many women, which keeps them healthier at lower costs.

- Repealing the health reform law would eliminate free access to some of the preventive services women need most, including:
 - **Mammograms:** Mammograms, which help women catch breast cancer early, would **no longer be guaranteed** as free preventive care for women.
 - **Cervical cancer screenings:** Cervical cancer screenings that help women catch cancer at earlier stages, allowing the use of less aggressive treatments, **wouldn't have to be covered by health plans.** After health reform expanded coverage for young women and increased access to screenings, **79 percent of women ages 21 to 25 detected cervical cancer early.** That's a major increase from before the health reform law, when 71 percent of women ages 21 to 25 detected cervical cancer early, according to an American Cancer Society study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in November 2015.
 - **Breast pumps:** Repealing the health reform law would mean insurers and employers **wouldn't have to provide breastfeeding mothers with services and accommodations. Currently, breast pumps are included as part of women's preventive health services and employers must give working moms reasonable break times and private spaces to pump for a breastfeeding child for one year after birth, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.**

LESS HEALTH COVERAGE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

- It would also eliminate measures that streamlined Medicaid for adults and children—impacting North Dakota families who have been able to determine their eligibility more easily.
- Nationally, according to Kaiser Family Foundation, **Medicaid finances nearly half of all births in the U.S. and half of all long-term care spending.**

WOMEN PAY MORE THAN MEN

- Repealing the health reform law would allow insurers to **charge women more** for health coverage.
- Before the health reform law, **92 percent** of best-selling plans on individual market charged women more than men, according to the National Women's Law Center in March 2015.

18,000 North Dakotans could lose Medicaid benefits, gained through Medicaid expansion.

NO GUARANTEED MATERNITY COVERAGE

- **Maternity coverage would no longer be considered an essential health benefit,** leaving many women without the health coverage they need for a healthy pregnancy.
- Healthy pregnancies from beginning to birth are **less costly** than complications from less than adequate care.
- Individuals would also **no longer be able to make apples-to-apples comparisons of health plans,** which include examples of medical situations including child birth, before making a decision on a plan.