



ALABAMA FACT SHEET

AAFP on Health Reform

The AAFP believes that policies should be adopted to ensure continued progress towards health care for all supported by a payment system that rewards value over volume of service. The health system should promote prevention and wellness, protect patients from financial barriers to needed services and build a primary care physician workforce that can meet the growing demand for care. The AAFP has a number of policymaker resources regarding these issues that can be found at http://www.aafp.org/advocacy/act/policy_resources.html.

Alabama Family Medicine

- There are 1,313 family physicians in Alabama.
- Alabama has 7 family medicine residency programs.
- Alabama has 99 medically underserved areas/populations.
- 7.6% of the residents in Alabama live in a health professional shortage area.

Medicaid in Alabama

- In 2015, 19 percent of people in Alabama were covered by Medicaid/CHIP.
- Medicaid/CHIP enrollment increased by 83,800 between 2013 and 2016.
- Alabama's uninsured rate decreased from 15% in 2013 to 11% in 2015.
- In Alabama, 66 percent of adult and child Medicaid enrollees live in households with at least one worker.
- In Alabama, 35 percent of Medicaid spending is for Medicare beneficiaries.¹

Impact of Health Reform Repeal with no Replacement in Alabama

- 357,000 people in the state of Alabama would lose their health coverage.²
- Loss of \$15.4 billion in federal funding.
 - Federal marketplace spending on Alabama would decrease by \$1.1 billion in 2019 and \$11.9 billion between 2019 and 2028.
 - Federal Medicaid funding in Alabama would decrease by \$271 million in 2019 and \$3.4 billion between 2019 and 2028.³
- In Alabama, 942,000 non-elderly adults have a declinable preexisting condition.
 - This represents 33% of non-elderly adults.⁴
- In Alabama, the cost of uncompensated care would increase by \$729 million.⁵

¹ *Medicaid State Fact Sheets*. (2017, January 26). Retrieved from <http://kff.org/interactive/medicaid-state-fact-sheets/>

² *Impact of Affordable Care Act Repeal* (2016, December 7) Retrieved from <http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/impact-of-affordable-care-act-repeal>

³ *Impact of Affordable Care Act Repeal* (2016, December 7) Retrieved from <http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/impact-of-affordable-care-act-repeal>

⁴ Claxton, Gary, Cynthia Cox, Anthony Damico, Larry Levitt, and Karen Pollitz. (2016, December 12) *Pre-existing Conditions and Medical Underwriting in the Individual Insurance Market Prior to the ACA*. Retrieved from <http://kff.org/health-reform/issue-brief/pre-existing-conditions-and-medical-underwriting-in-the-individual-insurance-market-prior-to-the-aca/>

⁵ Buettgens, Matthew, Linda Blumberg, John Holahan, and Siyabonga Ndwandwe. (2016, June) *The Cost of ACA Repeal*. Retrieved from <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/81296/2000806-The-Cost-of-the-ACA-Repeal.pdf>

AAFP Headquarters

11400 Tomahawk Creek Pkwy.
Leawood, KS 66211-2680
800.274.2237 • 913.906.6000
fp@aaafp.org

AAFP Washington Office

1133 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Ste. 1100
Washington, DC 20036-1011
202.232.9033 • Fax: 202.232.9044
capitol@aaafp.org