



TEXAS 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.

Texas Family Medicine

- There are 7,278 family physicians in Texas.
- Texas has 30 family medicine residency programs.
- Texas has 316 medically underserved areas/populations.
- 3.8% of the residents in Texas live in a health professional shortage area.

Medicaid in Texas

- In 2015, 16% of people in Texas were covered by Medicaid/CHIP.
- Medicaid/CHIP enrollment increased by 400,000 between 2013 and 2016.
- Texas's uninsured rate decreased from 20% in 2013 to 16% in 2015.
- In Texas, 79% of adult and child Medicaid enrollees live in households with at least one worker.
- In Texas, 27% of Medicaid spending is for Medicare beneficiaries.¹

Impact of Health Reform Repeal with no Replacement in Texas

- 2.6 million people in the state of Texas would lose their health coverage.²
- Loss of \$62.2 billion in federal funding.
 - Federal marketplace spending on Texas would decrease by \$4.1 billion in 2019 and \$45.6 billion between 2019 and 2028.
 - Federal Medicaid funding in Texas would decrease by \$1.3 billion in 2019 and \$16.6 billion between 2019 and 2028.³
- In Texas, 4.5 million non-elderly adults have a declinable preexisting condition
 - This represents 27% of non-elderly adults in the state.⁴
- In Texas, the cost of uncompensated care would increase by \$4.6 billion.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>

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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>

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