



Talking Points on the American Health Care Act (May 3, 2017)

- The bill takes us back to the dark days when people with pre-existing conditions like diabetes and cancer couldn't get health insurance.
- The plan would allow insurers to charge more to people who are sick, leading to premium increases upwards of tens of thousands of dollars for coverage that is unlikely to meet their health care needs.
- The bill allows states to get rid of the essential health benefits, which would roll back the clock to the days of skimpy plans without coverage for maternity care, substance use disorders or mental health services. This means, for example, that women will have to pay more for coverage that actually meets their health care needs.
- The new plan also keeps intact draconian cuts to Medicaid, jeopardizing care for millions of low-income seniors, people living with disabilities, children and low-income parents.
- The AHCA offers the illusion of support to people with pre-existing conditions by funding high risk pools, [which have already failed in Illinois and simply don't work](#).

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