



People with Pre-Existing Conditions in Illinois, by Congressional District

Prior to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), insurers could discriminate against consumers based on their current health conditions and medical history. Consumers with common ailments, including asthma and high blood pressure, were charged higher rates. People with histories of serious conditions, such as [cancer or heart attacks](#), were regularly [denied coverage](#) altogether. The ACA changed all of that.

Now, Republicans in Congress & the Trump Administration are [discussing](#) a provision that is effectively a “sick tax” on premiums: People with health conditions (5.5 million in Illinois) could be charged more based on their medical history, paying above-standard rates for coverage. Even if the new plan preserved the ACA’s rules on guaranteed issue—meaning that issuers cannot deny coverage—consumers with pre-existing conditions could still be priced out of the market. **Medical history should not be a barrier to affordable coverage.**

Representative (District)	Age 0 to 17 with Pre-existing Condition	Age 18 to 24 with Pre-existing Condition	Age 25 to 34 with Pre-existing Condition	Age 35 to 44 with Pre-existing Condition	Age 45 to 54 with Pre-existing Condition	Age 55 to 64 with Pre-existing Condition	Nonelderly with Pre-existing Condition	Percent of Nonelderly with Pre-existing Condition
Bobby L. Rush (IL-1)	40,300	27,100	40,600	48,700	67,600	76,400	300,700	51%
Robin L. Kelly (IL-2)	40,000	25,100	39,600	49,300	70,400	69,600	294,100	51%
Daniel Lipinski (IL-3)	43,500	24,700	42,600	55,500	73,200	72,200	311,600	50%
Luis V. Gutiérrez (IL-4)	43,900	27,100	58,900	61,900	62,600	50,500	304,900	48%
Mike Quigley (IL-5)	34,000	22,000	74,700	65,300	65,200	60,200	321,400	51%
Peter J. Roskam (IL-6)	41,100	22,400	36,900	52,600	81,900	87,400	322,200	52%
Danny K. Davis (IL-7)	34,400	30,200	64,400	56,500	61,900	60,500	307,900	50%
Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL-8)	39,600	22,400	47,100	58,300	75,400	69,900	312,800	51%
Janice D. Schakowsky (IL-9)	34,800	21,000	49,400	55,000	73,000	80,700	313,800	53%
Bradley Scott Schneider (IL-10)	42,900	25,000	38,900	53,900	74,900	72,400	308,200	51%
Bill Foster (IL-11)	46,500	25,500	44,700	61,800	74,300	61,800	314,600	49%
Mike Bost (IL-12)	37,100	23,300	41,900	48,900	69,200	70,700	291,100	51%
Rodney Davis (IL-13)	33,800	39,800	39,300	48,000	60,000	69,800	290,800	50%
Randy Hultgren (IL-14)	44,500	23,400	34,600	59,500	86,700	75,000	323,600	51%
John Shimkus (IL-15)	37,700	23,600	39,100	47,600	64,000	72,400	284,400	51%
Adam Kinzinger (IL-16)	38,100	23,900	36,900	47,900	71,200	75,200	293,300	52%
Cheri Bustos (IL-17)	36,400	24,100	37,400	47,100	62,600	72,200	279,800	51%
Darin LaHood (IL-18)	38,700	23,400	39,300	49,800	69,600	75,800	296,600	51%
TOTAL	707,400	453,900	806,400	967,700	1,263,700	1,272,600	5,471,600	51%

Source: Emily Gee, “Number of Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions by Congressional District,” Center for American Progress, April 5, 2017, available at <https://www.americanprogress.org/?p=430059>