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## The fight's not over: Protecting our health care now and into the future

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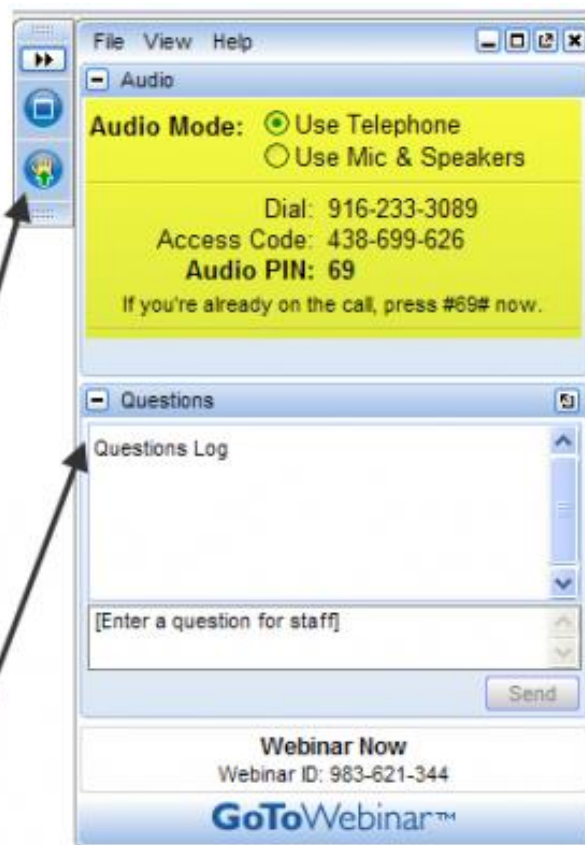
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# Today's agenda

- ▶ **Understanding the efforts to repeal and replace the ACA**
  - ▶ Alaina Kennedy, Manager of Health Equity, AIDS Foundation of Chicago
- ▶ **OE5 Enrollment: Team Relay**
  - ▶ Graciela Guzman, Enrollment Coordinator, Patient Innovation Center
- ▶ **What's Next?**
  - ▶ Daniel Rabbitt, Project Manager of Health Policy, Heartland Alliance
- ▶ **Peoria Healthcare Coalition updates**
  - ▶ Katie Jones, Peoria Healthcare Coalition
- ▶ **Q&A**



# Understanding the efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act

Alaina Kennedy, Manager of Health Equity, AIDS Foundation of Chicago

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# Protect Our Care Illinois Coalition

## ► Our Mission

Protect Our Care - Illinois is a statewide coalition of health care advocates, providers, consumers, and workers, joining together to prevent the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), prevent disastrous changes to Medicaid, and protect and expand access to quality affordable health care. We know the crusade to undermine the ACA is not over whether there is a repeal vote this week, next week, or next year, so Protect Our Care - Illinois invites you to join Illinoisans across the state to defend access to quality affordable health care for all.

## ► Guiding Principles

- We are committed to ensuring eligibility, coverage and access to affordable, comprehensive, and quality health insurance and will oppose and fight any proposal or policy that reduces them.
- Any ACA replacement plan must provide health insurance coverage that is as comprehensive, or better than the current existing provisions under the ACA, to as many or more people.
- Block grant/per-capita limits are bad policies because they would severely cut Medicaid and thus block healthcare access for Illinois' Medicaid consumers, harm the state budget, and destabilize health providers. We will oppose and fight all proposals and policies to block grant or add per-capita limits to the Medicaid program.
- Elected officials must be held accountable for voting against these principles. Reductions to healthcare access will harm people's health, and elected officials have a responsibility to protect the health of the public.

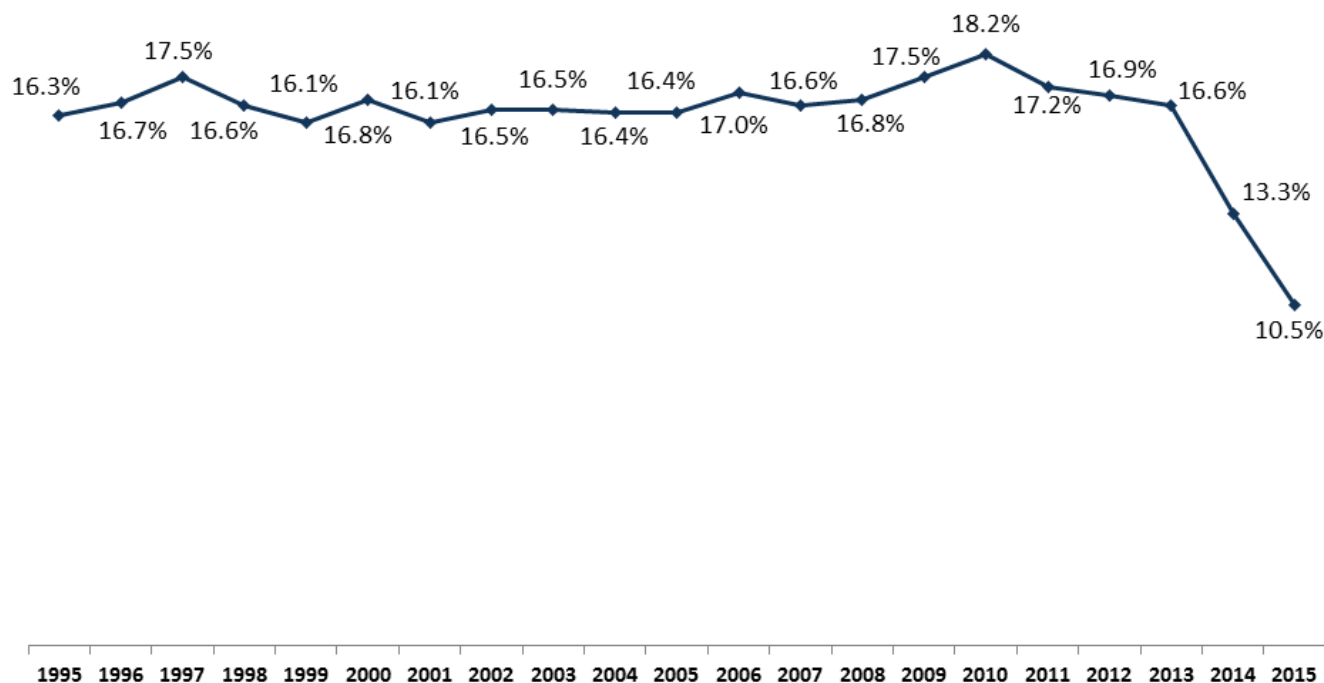
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# Pre-ACA: High Uninsured Rates

Figure 1

## Uninsured Rate Among the Nonelderly Population, 1995-2015



Source: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, reported in [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/health\\_policy/trends\\_hc\\_1968\\_2011.htm#table01](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/health_policy/trends_hc_1968_2011.htm#table01) and <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/insur201605.pdf>.





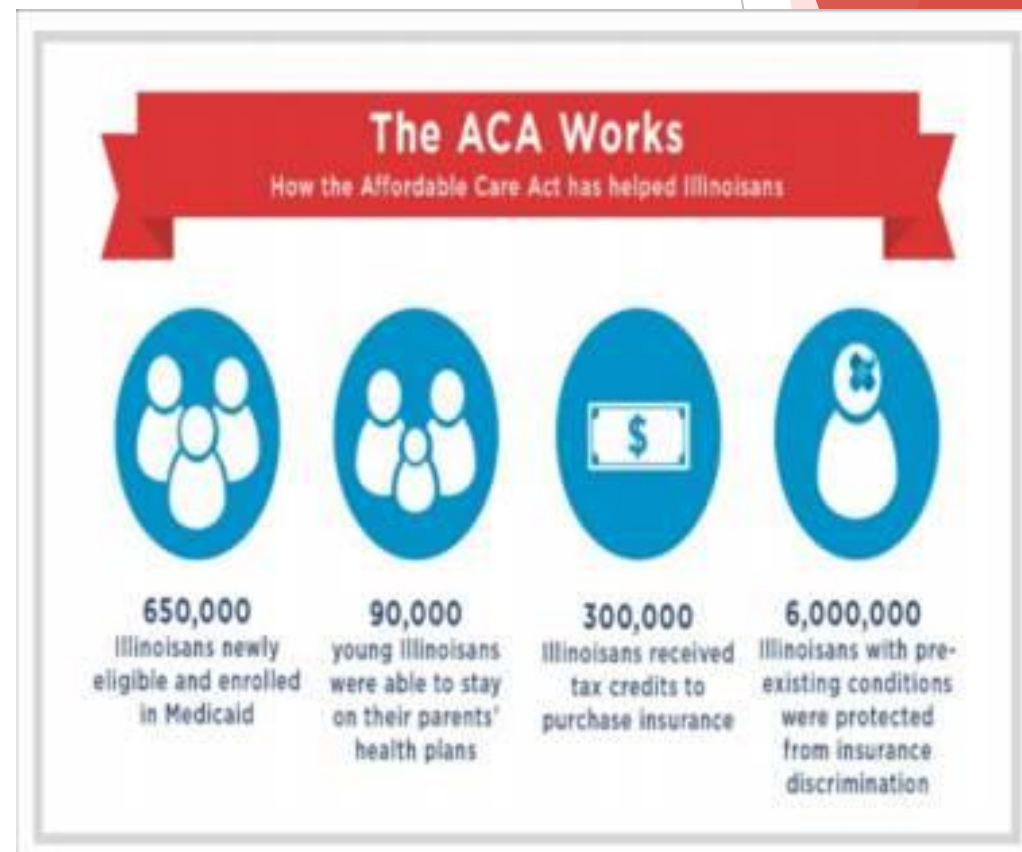
# The Affordable Care Act Accomplishments





# The Affordable Care Act Accomplishments

- ▶ Since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law in 2010, the uninsured rate in Illinois has fallen by 49%
- ▶ The ACA also included many insurance reforms to protect Illinoisans—including prohibiting insurance companies from:
  - ▶ Charging women more than men for the same coverage;
  - ▶ Imposing annual or lifetime caps on benefits;
  - ▶ Denying maternity, mental health, or substance abuse treatment coverage;
  - ▶ Charging seniors exorbitantly higher premiums than younger people; and
  - ▶ Denying insurance to people with preexisting conditions.





# Orchestrated Sabotage: Death by a 1000 paper cuts

- ▶ The Trump administration and congressional Republicans have created a deliberate campaign to sabotage the ACA
  - ▶ Starving it of funding
  - ▶ Stoking marketplace uncertainty
  - ▶ Throwing up roadblocks to harm patients
  - ▶ Repeated efforts throughout the year to repeal the health care law



# The Timeline of Events

## Timeline of Trump Administration's Sabotage

**January 20, 2017:**

On the first day of his presidency, President Trump issues an Executive Order that directs agency heads "to waive, defer, grant exemptions from, or delay the implementation" of provisions of the ACA.

**January 26, 2017:**

The Trump Administration pulls advertisements encouraging people to sign up in the federal health care exchanges during the final week of the 2016 open enrollment period.

**April 2017 —  
October 2017:**

President Trump threatens to eliminate federal funding that helps keep health care costs low for seven million Americans (cost-sharing reductions) - as a result, insurers announce that premiums will increase next year in the individual market.

**April 13, 2017:**

The Trump Administration announces that the 2018 open enrollment period will be cut in half — giving individuals and families less time to sign up for health insurance next year.

**May 4, 2017:**

House Republicans pass the American Health Care Act, which would repeal the ACA and throw more than 20 million people off of health insurance.

**May 23, 2017:**

President Trump's budget proposes a \$305 million cut to marketplace consumer information, enrollment, and outreach efforts. This includes cuts to call centers, in-person "navigator" assistance, and cuts to advertisements encouraging people to sign up for health care.



# The Timeline of Events

**June 2017:**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) begins to publicize on Twitter and YouTube a series of testimonial videos featuring people who have allegedly been harmed by the ACA.

**July 29, 2017:**

Senate Republicans fail to pass a bill to repeal or replace the ACA. Subsequently, President Trump threatens to stop CSR payments on Twitter, calling these payments "bailouts for insurance companies."



# Key Features of Failed Republican Health Care Proposals

Cap/Cut  
Medicaid

End Medicaid  
Expansion

Cut Financial  
Assistance

Less  
Comprehensive  
Health Plans

Increases Costs  
for Older  
Adults

Defund  
Planned  
Parenthood

Ends Mandate

Eliminates  
\$600B in taxes



## Impacts of GOP Proposals

Fewer  
Insured

Less  
Coverage

Higher  
Costs



# “Let ObamaCare implode”



**Donald J. Trump** 

@realDonaldTrump

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3 Republicans and 48 Democrats let the American people down. As I said from the beginning, let ObamaCare implode, then deal. Watch!

2:25 AM - 28 Jul 2017

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# Repeal Failure Recap

In May, the House passed a partial repeal called the American Health Care Act, which was then sent to the Senate for consideration.

Several amendments and reformulated versions of the Bill were floated by Senate Republicans, but ultimately, each measure failed to pass.

But...dormant is not dead-



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# Trump raised Illinois and Midwest Insurance Rates

- ▶ **Republicans are Taking Deliberate Actions to Sabotage Our Health Care**
- ▶ Midwest states including: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio attribute rate increase to uncertainty over whether the Trump administration would make Cost Sharing Rate (CSR) payments
- ▶ Minnesota mostly cut their insurance rates next year after federal government allowed them to start a new reinsurance program

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## What is happening now?

- ▶ Former HHS Secretary Tom Price's Anti-ACA Campaign
  - ▶ Using funds earmarked for “consumer information and outreach” HHS began to air a series of testimonial videos featuring people allegedly “harmed” by the ACA
- ▶ Trump Administration announced it would reduce funding for marketplace advertisements and outreach
  - ▶ Illinois navigator awardees saw funding cut by 31%, nearly \$800,000



# What is happening now?

- ▶ Shutting down HealthCare.gov website
  - ▶ This is unprecedented.
  - ▶ Outlined below is a general schedule for planned downtime.
  - ▶ Wednesday, November 1, 2017 - overnight
  - ▶ Sundays 12am-12pm ET, except on December 10, 2017
  - ▶ The duration of the outages are the maximum amount of time allowed for the maintenance. Actual outage times could be shorter.

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## What is happening now?

- ▶ Executive Order: creates a loophole for groups and individuals to buy skimpier health plans
- ▶ Ending CSRs for insurance marketplace plans
  - ▶ Insurers in Illinois assumed CSRs would be cut in their 2018 proposed Marketplace rates (which is why they increased their silver level premiums so much this year), so we don't think anything will change with those.



## The ACA works...

- ▶ In Illinois, more than 350,000 people are enrolled in health insurance through the exchange, and about 175,000 of those consumers benefit from cost-sharing reductions.
- ▶ The ACA has been transformative for people living with HIV in Illinois.
  - ▶ Nearly 3,000 people with HIV gained coverage through the health insurance marketplace, and had premiums and out-of-pocket costs paid by the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).



# ACA's Marketplace

- ▶ What is a marketplace?
  - ▶ An online shopping tool where individuals may:
    - ▶ Shop for health insurance
    - ▶ Compare benefits and prices
    - ▶ Access financial assistance
    - ▶ Enroll in a plan
- ▶ Who can use a marketplace?
  - ▶ US Citizens
  - ▶ Lawfully permanent residents
  - ▶ Small businesses (less than 50)





## When selecting a plan...

- ▶ Remember that the cost of your premium is not the only thing you should factor in when selecting a plan
  - ▶ It is important to take a look at how your financial help, your doctors, hospitals, prescriptions, co-pays and deductibles factor in to the access and price of care



## This is on Trump now

- ▶ President Trump said “the best thing we can do...is let Obamacare explode” and “let it be a disaster because we can blame that on the Democrats.”
- ▶ But as his actions this week lay bare, he is not letting Obamacare fail, he is making Obamacare fail, and more people are realizing he now owns the mess he created.

It's time for elected officials to remove themselves from the shadow of **President Trump** and stand up for every individual in their respective states.

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# OE5 Enrollment: Team Relay

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# **icha.** Who? What? Why? How?





## **5 Key Messages for OES**

**ACA is still  
here!**

**If you enroll in a  
plan for 2018, you  
will have health  
insurance in 2018**

**80% of people  
qualify for a  
discount on their  
health insurance!  
Marketplace health  
insurance discounts  
are based on income  
Navigators can help  
you find out if  
you're eligible**

**We're here  
to help!**

**Free, local, in-  
person  
enrollment help  
is available**

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## **5 Key Messages for OES**

### **ACA has your back!**

**Ignore the headlines about the rising costs of health insurance, because if you qualify for a discount then the ACA covers the difference**

### **Don't miss your chance! Enroll by Dec 15!**

**Open enrollment is shorter this year, you can only enroll between Nov 1 – Dec 15**

***If you miss the Dec 15 deadline you'll spend all of 2018 uninsured***



# **Get Involved!**

## **3 Ways You Can Help**

### **2. Amplify the Message!**

**Share the 5 key  
messages  
for OES over social  
media**

### **1. Your Voice Matters!**

**Tell us how the ACA has  
impacted your life at  
[www.ilcha.org/share](http://www.ilcha.org/share)**

### **3. Connect on the Connector!**

**Share the Connector link with  
anyone you think might need  
help [www.ilcha.org/help](http://www.ilcha.org/help)**

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# SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT

**Friday  
September 15**

03:00pm  
Central  
60 min

## Appointment

**Midwest Asian Health Association**

230 W. Cermak Rd 2/f  
Chicago, IL 60616  
(312) 225-8659

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First Name:

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# **Make A Difference!**

## **3 More Ways You Can Help**

### **4. Get Out There Now!**

**Community outreach is  
crucial in these next 6  
weeks**

### **5. Get Out There Later!**

**Volunteer to help out at  
enrollment sites with  
things like setting up  
email accounts &  
screening clients**

### **6. Take On A Bigger Role!**

**We can help you become a  
CAC**



# Engagement Tools

## Illinois Indivisible ACA Sign Up

**Illinois Enrollment Information**  
1-800-318-2596 TTY 1-855-889-4325



Begins November 1, 2017  
Ends December 15, 2017

Enroll online at  
[www.getcovered.illinois.gov](http://www.getcovered.illinois.gov)



Indivisible ACA Signup Project

FB/Twitter Thunderclaps

Local marketing and  
events

Graphics and marketing

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GET   
**AMERICA**  
COVERED

**YOUNG**   
**INVINCIBLES**

**OUT  ENROLL**

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# Engagement Tools



Open enrollment starts  
November 1st!

Mark your calendars to Get Covered

#GetCovered



NEW ACA INSURANCE ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

# YOU MUST ENROLL BY DECEMBER 15, 2017!

Don't miss your chance to have health insurance in 2018!

## 4 ACA FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1

### THE ACA IS STILL HERE!

If you enroll in a plan for 2018, you **WILL** have health insurance in 2018.

2

### YOU MAY GET A DISCOUNT!

8 out of 10 people get a discount on their ACA health insurance.

3

### IGNORE THE HEADLINES, THE ACA HAS GOT YOUR BACK!

Think you can't afford health insurance because prices went up? If you qualify for a discount then the ACA covers the difference.

4

### WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Free, local, in-person enrollment help is still available!

Find local help by visiting [www.ilcha.org/help](http://www.ilcha.org/help)



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The Official Health Marketplace



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mailing list at  
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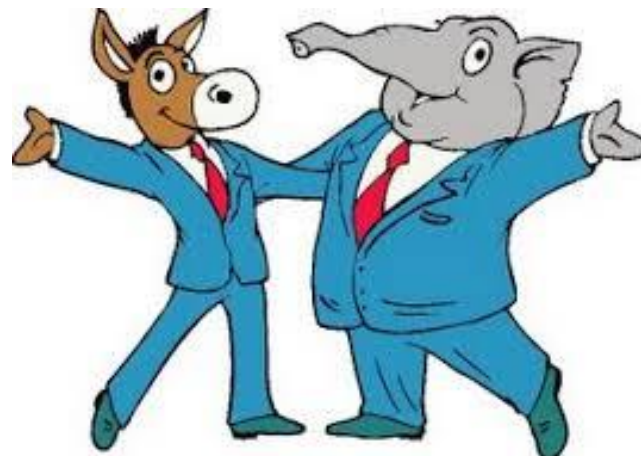
## What's Next

- ▶ Strengthening the individual market
  - ▶ Alexander-Murray Bill
  - ▶ Other needed reforms
- ▶ CHIP and Community Health Centers
- ▶ Hands Off Medicaid!
  - ▶ Tax Reform and FY18 Budget
- ▶ Road to universal coverage

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# Strengthening the Marketplace: BIPARTISANSHIP EDITION



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# Alexander-Murray Bill

## GOOD

- ▶ Funds CSRs through 2019
- ▶ Provides \$106 million for outreach and marketing for plan years 2018 and 2019
- ▶ Retains protections for essential health benefits and pre-existing conditions

## LESS GOOD

- ▶ Difficult to lower premiums for plan year 2018
- ▶ Loosens ACA waiver requirements (Section 1332 Waivers)
- ▶ Allows catastrophic 'copper plans' for those over 30



## Other Needed Reforms

- ▶ Increase subsidies
- ▶ Reinsurance programs
- ▶ Fix the ‘family glitch’
- ▶ Increase insurance plan participation on the Marketplace



# Children's Health Insurance Program

- ▶ Provides health insurance for nearly nine million children each year across the US
- ▶ Federally-funded, state-administered block grant, works with Medicaid
- ▶ Funding expired September 30
- ▶ States will start running out of money the end of the year

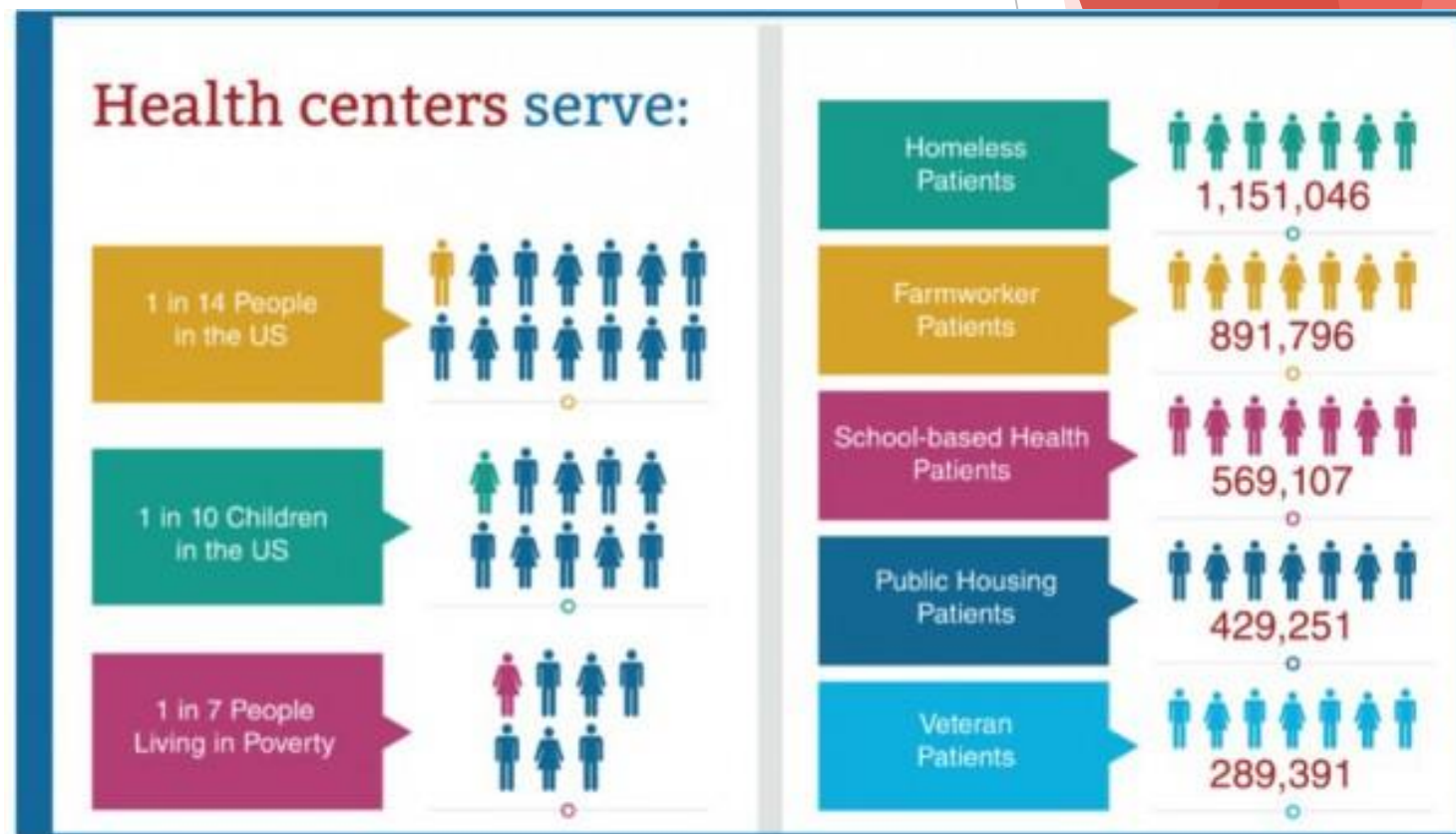




# Community Health Centers

- ▶ Provides health care to 24 million across the country
- ▶ Serve patients regardless of their ability to pay and provide financial assistance
- ▶ Face a 70% reduction in funding
- ▶ Grant cycles begin January 1, 2018

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# HANDS OFF MEDICAID!



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## FY18 Budget: Tax and Entitlement Reform

- ▶ Senate passed its FY18 Budget and the House is likely to approve
- ▶ FY18 Budget allows for Budget Reconciliation legislation that only requires 51 votes in the Senate
- ▶ It allows up to \$1.5 trillion in deficit financed tax cuts
- ▶ Could pay for even bigger tax cuts with cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, or other safety net programs



## FY18 Budget: Tax and Entitlement Reform

- ▶ House expected to release legislative language in early November
- ▶ House Ways and Means Committee will have markups
  - ▶ Rep Peter Roskam (IL-6, R)
  - ▶ Rep Danny Davis (IL-7, D)
- ▶ Plan to pass full House before the year is out
- ▶ Concurrent markups in Senate Finance

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# The Road to Universal, Affordable Coverage: How Do We Get There?

## What are our priorities?

- ▶ Reducing health disparities?
- ▶ Improving access to health services?
- ▶ Universal coverage?
- ▶ Reducing out of pocket costs?
- ▶ Reducing overall health costs?
- ▶ Eliminating for profit insurance?
- ▶ Providing stability?

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# The Road to Universal, Affordable Coverage: How Do We Get There?

**What policies are best to address those priorities?**

- ▶ Increase Medicaid eligibility
- ▶ Medicaid buy-in
- ▶ Medicare buy-in
- ▶ Public option
- ▶ Sanders/Conyers Single Payer Bill
- ▶ State or Federal?

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# The Road to Universal, Affordable Coverage: How Do We Get There?

## Sweating the details of single payer

- ▶ Is there a transition period?
- ▶ Is public insurance mandated? Is private insurance outlawed?
- ▶ How do we lower the cost of health care? Do doctors take a pay cut?
- ▶ Who is taxed? Will wages rise to compensate?
- ▶ What cost sharing is allowable? What services are covered?
- ▶ Who would oppose? What makes the campaign at risk?



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Source: Denver Post, 10/24/09 #ILSaveACA

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Springfield Office: (309)-205-9...  
Website: <https://lahood.house.gov/cc>  
Twitter - @RepLaHood /RepLaHood /LaHoodDarin  
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# Peoria Healthcare coalition

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# Week 1

Peoria Healthcare Coalition Updates:  
Week of 1.9.17



Great first effort to grab the attention of the Lahood team... Trefsgzer's cookies and all.

What went well: Amazing show of support with only 3 days planning. ChangePeoria joined forces and lent their media contact list; UAW and IARA and NAACP all joined this effort. Representatives from League of Women Voters and the Interfaith Alliance of Central Illinois attended and have indicated interest in becoming official partner organizations.

What we learned to do differently: Plan more time to transition between the visit and the media. Also, don't expect the District Chief to be polite. Expect bullying, authoritarian attitudes and to be told when you can and can't leave his office.

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Peoria Healthcare Coalition Updates:

Week of 2.13.17



We brought cookies for the Lahood team to help sweeten Congressman Lahood's approach to ACA, along with some patriotic heartfelt facts about ACA impact in our community.



# Week 6

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## Week 7

### Peoria Healthcare Coalition Updates:

Week of 1.27.17

Created some structure with our efforts this week including a logo and the following materials:

- ✓ “Greetings” Letters – Letters to potential partners
- ✓ Media Alert & Letter – Media Alert & Letter to potential media re a “pitch” on the #ILsaveACA story
- ✓ Peoria Healthcare Coalition brochure – Created a draft of a brochure for “telling the story”, who we are
- ✓ Peoria Healthcare Forum – Created an event description draft, aligned w the KFI On the Table event May 16

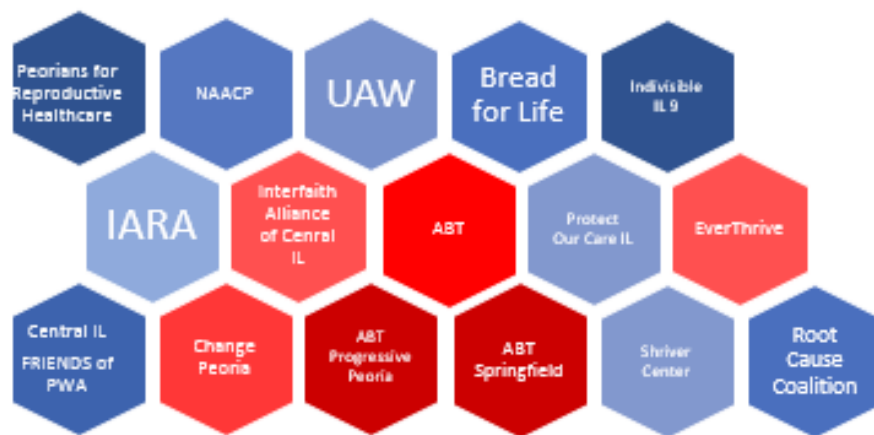
So, in a word, what is the Peoria Healthcare Coalition doing?

- What: We are Partnering Up, Pressuring MoCs, Putting Progressive Policy Front and Center
- How: Incrementally grow our coalition by adding partner organizations, local, state and national
- Why: To help #ILsaveACA





Week 7 Pt. II



*Pathway to progress is through #fusioncoalition...  
not a moment, but a movement!*

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## Week 8

Peoria Healthcare Coalition Updates:  
Week of 2.20.17

Use the hashtag **#ILsaveACA** when posting on social media (including Facebook), and use the photos and images included in this and forthcoming emails to make your message go further –





## Week 8 Pt. II

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Working in tandem with local, state and national partners, we are growing more sophisticated with our tactics, listening in on field rep calls (Katie attends Protect Our Care IL Mondays at 1 pm), connecting w ABT leaders on best messaging and media strategies, and downloading fact sheets from EverThrive, the IL Hospital Association and others #ILSaveACA

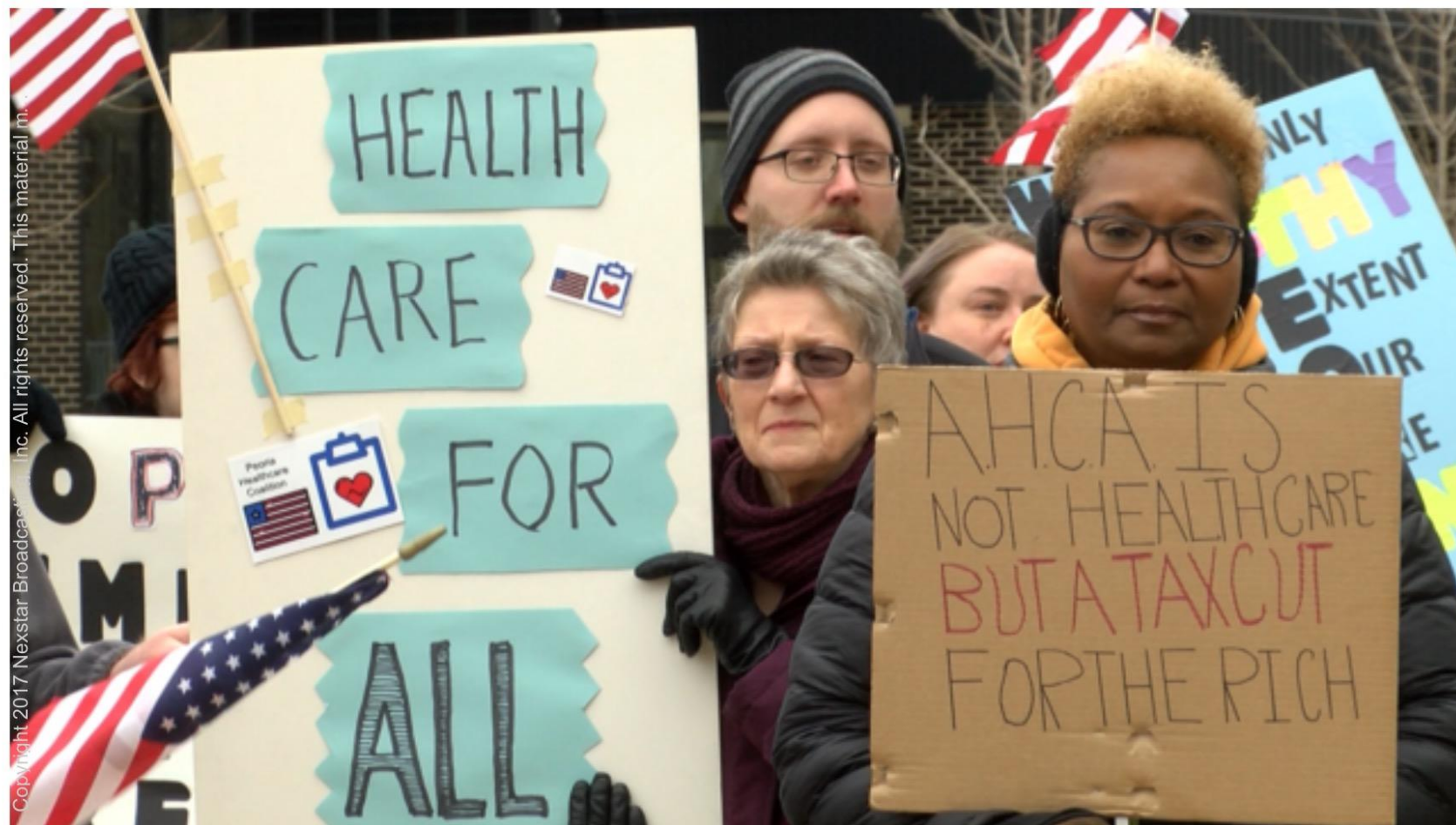
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We WON!

Well, not so fast... AHCA is back..

This is a movement  
not a moment!



@RevDrBarber quotes Isaiah 10:1 "Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed."

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# How Protect Our Care can help you!

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<http://protectourcareil.org/index.php/take-action-page/>
- ▶ Share your story: <http://www.ilcha.org/share>

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## Take action!

- ▶ Call the Capitol switchboard, 202-224-3121, to talk to your legislators
  - ▶ <http://ziplook.house.gov/htbin/findrep?ZIP> Link for zip code for legislator lookup
- ▶ Letter to the Editor / Op-Eds/
- ▶ March 23<sup>rd</sup> Actions

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