

TEXAS VS. AZAR

UNDERSTANDING THIS CRITICAL CASE THREATENING TO RIP HEALTH INSURANCE FROM OVER 20 MILLION AMERICANS

On July 9, 2019, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans began to hear oral arguments in the case Texas v. Azar. This case imperils the health care and financial security of millions of Americans by threatening to strike down the entire Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Harms from Striking Down the ACA

- Insurers could deny coverage or charge unaffordable premiums to older people and people with preexisting conditions.
- At least 20 million Americans could lose health insurance.
- Young people would no longer be allowed to stay on their parents' plans until they turn 26.
- People would no longer be guaranteed access to essential health benefits in health plans including prescriptions, maternity care, mental health and substance use benefits.
- Health plans would once again be able to implement lifetime and annual limits on how much care they will cover for individuals and families;
- States would lose trillions of dollars in federal funds and hundreds of thousands of jobs.
- Medicaid expansion would end, leaving low-income Americans with few options for coverage

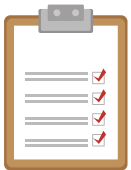
What's At Stake in Illinois?



Nearly **one million** more uninsured Illinoisans



187,360 seniors on Medicare face increased costs on their prescription drugs



5.4 million Illinoisans with pre-existing conditions could lose their coverage



5.89 million Illinoisans lose free preventive care



KEY MESSAGES

- 1. The ACA is the Law of the Land: You can still use your healthcare and should continue to enroll in available coverage.**
- 2. The ACA is helping millions to get affordable care and must be upheld.**
- 3. It is outrageous that some continue to attack the ACA after so much time. The law is constitutional. Time to move on!**



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