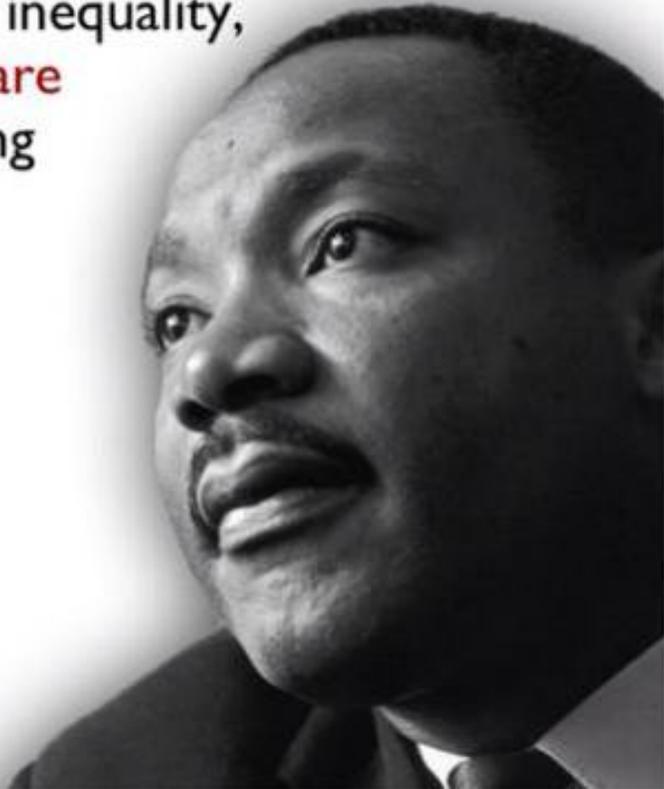


Of all the forms of inequality,
injustice in healthcare
is the most shocking
and inhumane.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
March 25, 1966



How the Senate's Vote to Repeal the Affordable Care Act will impact YOU

Please understand, repealing health care for the working poor will impact every one in the USA... and not in a positive way. As a mission driven not-for-profit, our New Orleans Musicians' Clinic vows to provide medical care to our patients, even if we go broke doing it. And then what, you may ask?

The US Senate voted 51 to 48 on January 12, 2017 for a budget blue-print which:

1. Ends coverage for pre-existing conditions, veterans benefits, and aid to rural hospitals.
2. Removes discrimination protection for women in healthcare.
3. Is against the provision allowing children to remain on their parent's insurance till the age of 26.
4. Cuts-off funding for the Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
5. Is against ACA contraceptive coverage and maternity care provision.
6. Directs committees to send budget legislation to defund and repeal the Affordable Care Act.
7. Could lose your state billions in federal funding (\$26.7 Billion in Louisiana projected through 2019) and force state, local governments and health care providers to bear the cost of uncompensated care for the uninsured.

If left un-checked, the impact of a successful repeal could:

- Deny at least 20 million health insurance coverage and access to health care.
- Impose lifetime caps for coverage for everyone.
- Block access to health insurance for those with pre-existing conditions.
- Decrease services at hospitals and clinics.
- Increase the cost of health insurance for everyone (as healthiest people drop coverage)
- Double the number of uninsured people nationally (projected 58.7 Million uninsured Americans in 2019)
- Cause massive layoffs in the health care industry (15,600 jobs in Louisiana alone)
- Destabilize health and economic security for hard-working families and the economies that rely on them.
- Lead to health care "dark ages" where people use the ER for basic health care access and have major gaps in services.

Despite their assertions of this being an action to "repeal and replace," no viable alternative plan has been proposed. We repeat: NO replacement plan has been presented yet, even though repeal attempts have been ongoing for six years.

The House votes Friday. We demand better.

**Please call and write letters to your local, city, state and federal representatives and voice your support for the Affordable Care Act.
#ProtectOurCare**

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The struggle continues and we who believe in freedom cannot rest. Our dream is for a single-payer system and health-care equality for all



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