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Overview of Families USA

- National nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care for all.
- Work at national, state and community levels.
- Conducts research, analysis and targeted information campaigns, provide technical assistance, and collect and share consumer health care stories.

ACA Repeal/Replace

- January Budget Resolution Vote
- Budget Reconciliation
- ‘Replacement’ components include (but not limited to):
 - Health Savings Accounts
 - High Risk Pools
 - Non-income based refundable tax credits
 - Continuous Coverage
 - Medicaid ‘reform’

How to Judge Republican ‘Replacement’ Plans

Checklist for Affordable Care Act (ACA) Replacement Plans

	YES	NO
Preserve the coverage gains made to date and further decrease the number of people in this country without health insurance.		
Ensure that health coverage is at least as comprehensive as what people have under the ACA.		
Ensure that premiums and cost-sharing—like deductibles and copays—are at least as affordable as those under the ACA.		
Ensure that the Medicaid and CHIP safety net continue to provide affordable, comprehensive health coverage for all low-income families who are entitled to it under current eligibility standards.		
Protect people with pre-existing health conditions at all times from discrimination by insurers.		
Prevent insurers from discriminating against women and older people.		
Ensure people have adequate assistance enrolling in and using their health coverage.		
Ensure efforts to rein in health care spending tackle true drivers of health care spending, improve care quality, and never simply shift costs to consumers.		

Block Grants and Per Capita Caps

Federal push to fundamentally change Medicaid, and the ability of states to care for their residents.



Since 1965:
Federal match;
guaranteed coverage



Block grant:
Fixed amount per
state



Per capita cap:
Fixed amount per
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Block Grants and Per Capita Caps

Block grants and per capita caps=cuts to federal Medicaid spending. Shifts costs, risks to states.

- Per capita caps are not a compromise
- Funding for capped poverty programs tends to shrink
- States will have to make tough choices
 - Cut provider rates; cut benefits; cut people; cut other priorities

Key Messages

- No repeal of the ACA without simultaneous replacement that provides the same quality coverage to as many people as the ACA.
- Block grants and per capita caps are cuts to Medicaid.
- Ensure that the Medicaid and CHIP safety net continues to provide affordable, comprehensive health coverage for all low-income families who are entitled to it under current eligibility standards.

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