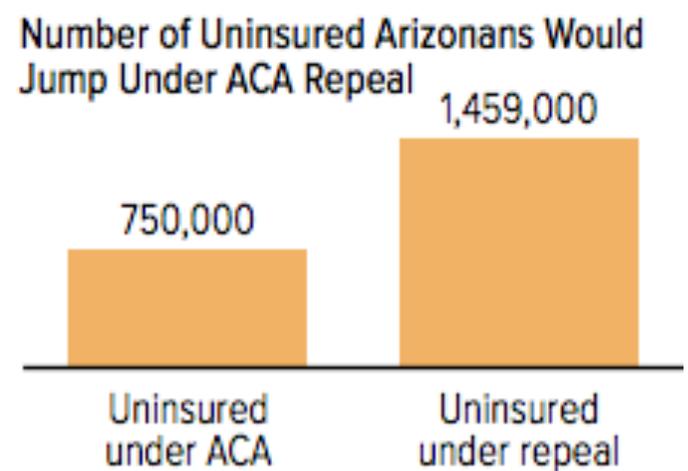




Physicians and medical students oppose a “repeal and delay” of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

- Experts estimate that **20 to 30 million Americans would lose coverage** if the ACA were repealed, including **709,000 in AZ alone**
- The US would lose 2.6 million jobs in 2019, with **34,000 jobs lost in AZ alone**
- The AZ economy would **lose \$3.2 billion** from federal Medicaid funds
- Repeal would cause a \$1.1 trillion increase uncompensated care nationwide; **\$21.2 billion in AZ alone**
- In Arizona, repeal means the **loss of \$877 million** in federal marketplace spending in 2019 and **\$10 billion** between 2019 and 2028.
- Arizona would **lose \$2.6 billion** in federal Medicaid funding in 2019 and **\$32.1 billion** between 2019 and 2028. AZ currently receives 74% of Medicaid from federal funds.



Physicians and medical students want any changes to the ACA to preserve the gains made by the ACA in terms of expansions in health insurance coverage, quality of health insurance coverage, and protections provided to patients

- The American Medical Association (**AMA**), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (**ACOG**), the American College of Physicians (**ACP**), the American Academy of Pediatrics (**AAP**) and the American Association of Family Physicians (**AAFP**) have all released letters sharing these goals
- These professional organizations represent **more than 400,000 doctors**, the majority of doctors in this country

Physicians and medical students are concerned that proposals for changes to the ACA may hurt our patients, especially block granting Medicaid

- The Paul Ryan Medicaid Block grant was estimated to result in states having to cut Medicaid coverage for 14.3 to 20.5 million Americans, would lead to further strain on AZ’s state budget, and tough choices to cut the number covered (including Native American groups), cut the services covered, or cut the reimbursement rates
- **Patient Freedom Act 2017**
 - **Inadequate protection for women**, by allowing insurance companies to discriminate in pricing based on sex and provide bare bones coverage that will may not cover reproductive health, including maternity care
 - **Inadequate protection for those with preexisting conditions** by requiring continuous coverage, 44 million Americans with preexisting conditions went without coverage for at least one month from 2013 to 2014
 - **Inadequate coverage for preventative health services**, such as annual check ups and cancer screening which can save lives and money

Physicians and medical students are concerned about especially vulnerable parts of the AZ population. Opioid treatment & mental health will be particularly hard-hit.

- Arizona covers close to 79,000 people with serious mental illnesses, other mental illnesses and substance use disorders through the Medicaid expansion and the Health Insurance Marketplaces. This includes 7,177 people with a serious mental illness and nearly 22,000 with a substance use disorder who are covered through the Marketplaces.

