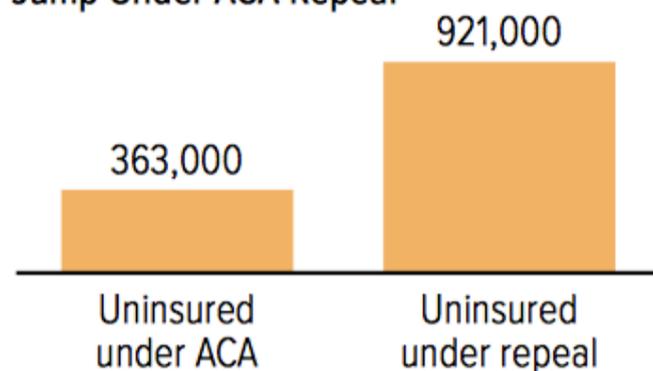




### Physicians and medical student oppose a “repeal and delay” of the Affordable Care Act

- Experts estimate that **20 to 30 million Americans would lose coverage** if the ACA were repealed, including **558,000 in LA alone**
- LA would lose \$26.7 billion in federal funds over 10 years
- Unreimbursed care would increase by \$1.1 trillion dollars over 10 years across the country and **\$17.6 billion in LA alone**
- The US would lose 2.6 million jobs in 2019, with **37,000 jobs lost in LA alone**
- The CDC budget to fight health epidemics would be cut by \$860 million over 5 years, including a **\$40 million cut in LA alone**

Number of Uninsured Louisianians Would Jump Under ACA Repeal



### 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**), 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

- Block granting Medicaid will lead to declining federal funds to support Medicaid
- **LA depends on federal funds for 62.7% of its Medicaid spending and 90% of the spending for those covered by Medicaid expansion under the ACA**
- Loss of federal funds means strain on LA’s state budget, and tough choices to cut the number covered, cut the services covered, or cut the reimbursement rates
- 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
- Cuts in reimbursement rates are proven to create barriers to patients accessing care as fewer physicians accept Medicaid
- **Senator Cassidy’s past proposals to require continuous coverage provide inadequate protection for those with preexisting conditions:** 44 million Americans with preexisting conditions went without coverage for at least one month from 2013 to 2014
- **Senator Cassidy’s past proposals hurt the poor by providing flat tax credits across income brackets** that would cut the premium support poor Americans desperately need
- **Senator Cassidy’s past proposals provide inadequate protection to 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

