

# How Would Proposals to Replace the Affordable Care Act Affect Your State?

## ARKANSAS

Projected impact of American Health Care Act (AHCA) and Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA)

### Health Care Coverage

367,000  
more uninsured

The Senate bill (BCRA) would increase the number of uninsured people under age 65 in Arkansas by 367,000 by 2022.

Source: L.J. Blumberg, et al. State-by-State Coverage and Government Spending Implications of the Better Care Reconciliation Act, Urban Institute, June 28, 2017

### Hospital Finances

Under the AHCA (House bill), Arkansas hospitals would face a 55% increase in uncompensated care (treatments and services not paid for by an insurer or patient) and 1.8 percentage point reduction in annual operating margins by 2026. Rural hospitals would face a 48% increase in uncompensated care and 2.5 percentage point reduction in operating margins.

Source: R. Haught, A. Dobson, J. DaVanzo, and M. K. Abrams, "How the American Health Care Act's Changes to Medicaid Will Affect Hospital Finances in Every State," To the Point, The Commonwealth Fund, June 23, 2017.

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### State Revenue

\$7 billion in federal  
funding potentially  
lost

Arkansas could face Medicaid spending cuts of between \$1.2 billion and \$7 billion between 2020-2026 under the AHCA and BCRA.

Source: C. Mann et al., "Expect the Unexpected: The Impact of Medicaid Caps," To the Point, The Commonwealth Fund, June 30, 2017.

### Jobs

The BCRA would lead to about 16,800 fewer Arkansas jobs by 2026.

Source: L. Ku, E. Steinmetz, E. Brantley et al., The Better Care Reconciliation Act: Economic and Employment Consequences for States, The Commonwealth Fund, July 2017.

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