



Media Statement

Overturing Affordable Care Act Would Have Devastating Consequences for Millions of Californians

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The stakes have never been higher for the millions of Californians who rely on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) for access to the vital health care services they and their loved ones count on every day. As the U.S. Supreme Court weighs the future of the ACA, one point is clear: this momentous law has become part of the fabric of our entire health care system.

So many things we all count on could be upended if the ACA is overturned:

- Guaranteed coverage for people with pre-existing conditions, including almost 950,000 people who have contracted COVID-19.
- The ability of 2 million young adults under age 26 to remain on their parents' health plans.
- The expansion of Medi-Cal to nearly 4 million low-income Californians, including single childless adults ages 19-25 with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level.
- Subsidies through Covered California to make individual health insurance more affordable.
- Enhanced Medicare payments to hospitals, doctors, and other providers that help ensure seniors have access to the care they need, when they need it.

Cutting through all the partisanship, politics, and legal arguments, the ACA is really about one thing: people. Without the ACA, millions of Californians who rely on its protections will be sicker, their ability to provide for their families will be at risk, and they will face an uncertain future.

With so much at stake, we hope the Supreme Court rules to protect the health of all Californians.

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