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Federal Health Update: Child and Family Health

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Medicaid innovation in other states

No “one size fits all” – state plan amendment, waiver, EPSDT

Examples:

- Home visiting
- Children’s mental health services
- Maternal depression screening
- ALL could be undermined/made more challenging by a federal cap – fewer funds for innovative uses...

Unique AZ Features

- All cost sharing for Native Americans eliminated in ACA
- Full Medicaid expansion FMAP (100%) both inside Indian Health Service or tribal facility *OR* outside
- 16th highest reimbursement rate in FFS (does not include managed care, which is bulk)
- Spends less per capita on seniors than other states

Additional Resources – Medicaid/ACA and Tribal Communities, reimbursement rates

- National Indian Health Board: [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Summary of Indian Health Provisions](#)
- CRS: [Indian Health Care: Impact of the Affordable Care Act](#)
- Kaiser Family Foundation: [Medicaid and American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: [Improving Health Care Access for American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)
- 2014 FFS Physician Fee Data: [Kaiser Family Foundation](#)
- [2011 Medicaid spending data by eligibility category](#), Kaiser Family Foundation
- Home visiting
 - [CMS guidance March 2016](#)
 - Pew (2012) [Medicaid Financing of Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs](#) (currently being updated by NASHP)
- Children's Mental Health
 - [CMS guidance maternal depression screening May 2016](#)
 - National Center for Children in Poverty: [Using Medicaid to Help Young Children and Parents Access Mental Health Services](#)

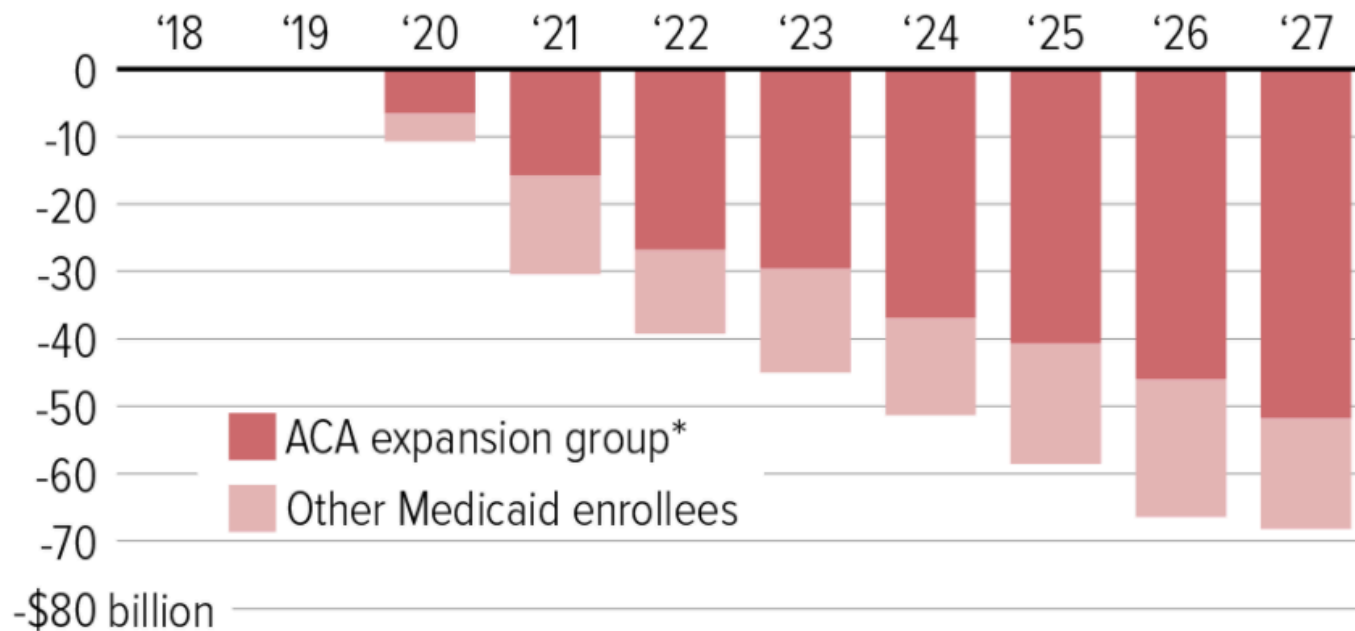
ACA Repeal and Medicaid Changes

House bill introduced March 6th would:

- Restructure full federal Medicaid program to a "per capita cap" on federal contributions
- Medicaid expansion: Decreased federal match for new enrollees after 2019
- Decrease value of tax credits, remove cost-sharing subsidies by 2019 (Note: AZ tax credit values 50-75% lower than existing ACA in most counties)
- Ends Prevention and Public Health Fund after 2018
- ([Kaiser summary of the bill](#), [Kaiser interactive map on ACA vs House plan tax credits](#))

Medicaid Cost Shifts in House GOP Plan Would Total an Estimated \$370 Billion Over 10 Years and Grow Over Time

Cost shifts to states, relative to current law



*Enrollees under the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion

Source: CBPP analysis using Jan. 2017 Congressional Budget Office Medicaid baseline and inflation estimates from CBO and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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- [Radically Restructuring Medicaid Would be Bad for Kids](#)
- [Top 5 Ways ACA Repeal and Medicaid Changes Would Harm our Nation's Youngest Children](#) (with CLASP)