

Senate health care bill would benefit the wealthy and cut public health funding for the most vulnerable

Winners and losers in the Better Care Reconciliation Act

The winners	The losers
<p><i>Wealthy individuals:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCRA gets rid of an investment income ACA tax on wealthy individuals making more than \$250,000 a year	<p><i>Poor, sick & older individuals:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicaid rollback will leave many older and poorer people without insurance• States could apply for waivers that exempt insurance providers from protecting essential health benefits
<p><i>Healthy individuals:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The BCRA focuses on driving down premiums by scaling back protections for the sick• States can choose to not offer substance abuse treatment by providing simple and cheap plans for the healthy	<p><i>Planned Parenthood recipients</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCRA would cut Planned Parenthood funding for a year• 40% of PP funds come from the federal government, which could lead to number of clinics closing
<p><i>GOP governors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCRA gives states greater say over their health coverage plans• It rolls back mandatory coverage and expedites the process for states to apply for waivers	<p><i>Individuals struggling with addiction:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senate bill only provides \$2 billion in funding for opioid treatment, while the House bill provided \$15 billion over 10 years
<p><i>Health insurers, medical device companies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCRA repeals ACA tax on medical devices, tanning salons and health insurance groups• Health insurance groups are still considering their position on the bill	<p><i>Public health funding:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCRA cuts the Public Health Fund by \$1 billion a year sooner than the House bill• CDC and NIH are expected to see a 12% decrease in funding for public health crises like Zika and other outbreaks

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