

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8—COMMITTEE
ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MARCH 17, 2017

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Urges Congress not to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or its most important provisions. (BDR R-1090)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress not to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or its most important provisions.

1 WHEREAS, In 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
2 Act (Public Law 111-148), commonly known as the Affordable
3 Care Act, was passed by Congress and signed into law by President
4 Barack Obama; and

5 WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act established a
6 comprehensive series of health insurance reforms designed to make
7 universal, affordable health insurance coverage available to all
8 Americans, while also controlling rising health care costs and
9 ending certain common industry practices that limited access to
10 health insurance coverage; and

11 WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act expanded access to health
12 insurance coverage by creating health insurance marketplaces,
13 allowing children to stay on a parent's health insurance plan until
14 the age of 26 years, expanding Medicaid and establishing a system
15 of tax credits to assist consumers in purchasing individual health
16 insurance coverage and provide incentives to businesses to
17 encourage them to provide health insurance coverage to employees;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act prohibits an insurer from
20 denying health insurance coverage to a person on the basis of a



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1 preexisting condition, prohibits an insurer from rescinding coverage,
2 eliminates lifetime and annual limits on coverage, requires all
3 marketplace plans to provide coverage for 10 essential health
4 benefits, including preventative care, establishes a mechanism for
5 consumers to appeal determinations regarding coverage and
6 establishes a system to assist consumers in navigating the health
7 insurance marketplace; and

8 WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act additionally requires health
9 insurance coverage for annual well-woman visits, screenings for
10 breast cancer and cervical cancer, screening for gestational diabetes,
11 all approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures and
12 patient education and counseling services often provided by
13 nonprofit organizations such as Planned Parenthood Federation of
14 America, Inc.; and

15 WHEREAS, In particular, since Nevada chose to participate in the
16 expansion of Medicaid in 2011, approximately 181,000 new
17 enrollees obtained health insurance coverage in Nevada through the
18 Medicaid expansion alone; and

19 WHEREAS, It has been estimated that 370,000 adults in this State
20 stand to lose health insurance coverage if the Affordable Care Act is
21 repealed; and

22 WHEREAS, It has been estimated that Nevada could lose an
23 estimated \$1 billion in Medicaid funding if the Affordable Care Act
24 is repealed; and

25 WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act provides many other
26 benefits and protections to ensure access to health care by all; and

27 WHEREAS, Congressional leaders have proposed repealing the
28 Affordable Care Act during the 115th Congress without a plan to
29 replace the Affordable Care Act which adequately protects the
30 thousands of Nevadans who benefit from or may not have access to
31 health insurance coverage without the Act; and

32 WHEREAS, The Congressional Budget Office reported that the
33 congressional plan to repeal the Affordable Care Act will cost 24
34 million Americans their health insurance coverage by 2026; and

35 WHEREAS, Repealing the Affordable Care Act without
36 establishing mechanisms to preserve the significant improvements
37 and protections afforded by the law, and without adequately
38 providing for those who stand to lose their health insurance
39 coverage upon repeal, will have significant detrimental effects on
40 individuals and their families, on the health care industry in general
41 and on the overall economic well-being of both Nevada and the
42 nation as a whole; now, therefore, be it

43 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
44 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 79th Session of the
45 Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to fully preserve the



1 critical benefits afforded by the Affordable Care Act which many
2 Nevadans have come to rely upon; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That Congress should maintain federal funding for
4 organizations, such as Planned Parenthood Federation of America,
5 Inc., that provide essential family planning, cancer screenings and
6 other preventative health services to Nevadans; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That Congress should not repeal the Affordable
8 Care Act in a manner that would deny access to these essential
9 programs and services to future generations of Nevadans; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
12 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United
13 States, as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the
14 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each
15 member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
17 passage.

