

# The health of millions of women is at stake this fall.



Donald Trump's health care proposals would be devastating for women across the country. He has no plan to help millions of middle-class Americans pay for the health care they need.

Millions of women have benefited greatly from new safeguards that protect them from discrimination based on pre-existing conditions and gender. They have also benefited from new insurance options and better coverage of preventive services, like screening for breast and cervical cancer. Candidate Trump would wipe all of this out, stripping insurance away from many women and making it harder for insured women to get the care they need.

Hillary Clinton's health care proposals would build on recent progress and make it easier for women to afford health coverage and care.

## **Candidate Trump would let insurance companies deny health insurance to millions of women if they've ever been sick.**

More than half of all adult women (52%) have a pre-existing condition,<sup>1</sup> including high blood pressure, arthritis, cancer, and diabetes.<sup>2</sup> Insurance companies often refused to cover people with almost any medical condition—until the Affordable Care Act made it illegal. Candidate Trump would repeal the health care law, returning women to the days when insurance companies could deny them coverage because they had a health problem.

## **Candidate Trump would let insurance companies once again charge people for preventive care.**

Insurance companies are required to cover preventive care without any additional costs (like copayments), and without having to pay a deductible. This care includes contraception, screening for breast and cervical cancer, and well-baby visits. Candidate Trump would let insurance companies go back to charging copayments and deductibles for preventive care—or stop covering this care altogether.

## **Candidate Trump would let insurance companies charge higher premiums for women simply because they are women.**

Nearly 11 million women who buy their own health insurance<sup>3</sup> are now protected by the Affordable Care Act, which banned discrimination against women. Candidate Trump would repeal the law, allowing insurers to go back to the days when they charged women an extra \$1 billion a year for health insurance because they were women.<sup>4</sup>

## **Candidate Trump would take health insurance away from millions of women who've gained coverage.**

About 7 million women and girls now have coverage through the health insurance marketplaces.<sup>5</sup> And thanks to Medicaid expansion, the number of women covered by Medicaid has risen by more than 12 million.<sup>6</sup> Candidate Trump's proposal would eliminate the health insurance marketplaces and repeal Medicaid expansion, ripping insurance away from nearly 19 million women and girls.

## **Candidate Clinton has a career-long legacy of making health care accessible to those who need it most. Her proposals would defend recent progress and further improve access to affordable health care for all, including women.**

Candidate Clinton would preserve the current consumer protections, federal programs, and financial assistance that women and their families depend on for health care. And her proposals would make health coverage and care even more affordable and accessible.

- » **Candidate Clinton would take steps to reduce the cost of prescription drugs.** This would help families struggling with out-of-pocket health care costs and people with chronic conditions who face high prescription drug bills.
- » **Candidate Clinton would provide financial help to women and their families who pay more than 5% of their income toward health care costs.** This would help families who have health insurance but who are sometimes unable to keep up with the costs, like copayments and deductibles.
- » **Candidate Clinton would provide additional financial assistance to make health plans sold in the marketplace more affordable for low- and middle-income people.** This extra help is essential for women who need marketplace plans because their jobs don't offer insurance, they are self-employed, or they want to start a small business.
- » **Candidate Clinton would push holdout states to expand Medicaid and provide additional funding for them to do so.** This could extend coverage to as many as 3.1 million uninsured women.<sup>7</sup>

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