

## Simple Talking Points against ACA Repeal Resolution for Chautauqua Residents

1. People at risk of losing coverage: tens of thousands of Southern Tier residents are at risk for losing health insurance coverage; almost 77,000 in the 23rd Congressional District. 15,270 in Chautauqua County.
2. Blows a hole in the Federal Budget. Estimates are that repeal will result in a trillion dollar deficit.
3. Chautauqua County Property Taxes will skyrocket. The ACA transfers 600 million to local counties to support Medicaid. Chautauqua County might face a \$2,443,705 increase with repeal.
4. Seniors on Medicaid will suffer. The ACA extended Medicare solvency to at least 2029 because of a modest tax increase on incomes over \$250,000 and on large net investment profits. ACA repeal wipes out these taxes. Seniors will pay more for drugs, since ACA repeal halts the gradual phase out of the drug donut hole. Repeal also eliminates Medicare wellness provisions such as free colonoscopies, mammograms, smoking cessation programs, annual exams and diabetes, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings. Southern Tier seniors on Medicare will pay more
5. ACA repeal cancels real gains women have made in the past six years in health coverage, care and cost. The ACA bans higher rates private insurance companies once charged women. Contraceptive coverage, free mammograms and complete coverage for annual physicals will disappear. Repeal most likely will ban Planned Parenthood from receiving Medicaid reimbursements. Planned Parenthood is the health care provider for thousands of women throughout our region.

Sources of More Information:

<http://obamacarefacts.com/obamacare-facts/>

<http://blog.supplementalhealthcare.com/patient-care-forum/affordable-care-act-pros-and-cons-update-for-2016>

Goals: Our Mantra Should Be: Keep It! Fix any problems.

Actions: Call Congressman Tom Reed once a week. Make two calls, one to a local office. One to Washington. Concentrate on one point and make it personal. Increase in property taxes. Assault on Medicare. Hardworking low income folks will lose insurance.

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