

## Call to Action: Protect Our Coverage

In January 2017, just two weeks from now, Congress will be talking about cutting billions from Medicaid and the programs that make health care coverage purchased through our state exchange, Connect for Health Colorado, more affordable for thousands of Coloradans. Now is the time to tell Governor Hickenlooper and our Congressional delegation that lives are at stake. Let our representatives know that no action should be taken to defund or repeal the Affordable Care Act, unless a carefully-considered replacement plan is first designed.

Your phone calls today and throughout the holidays can make a difference. Contact information for the Governor and your senators and representatives is listed below, with a sample script you can use. You can identify your representative or district by clicking [here](#), but be sure to call the Governor and both senators, who represent all of us in Colorado.

[Governor Hickenlooper](#) – 303-866-2471

[Senator Cory Gardner](#) - 303-391-5777

[Senator Michael Bennett](#) - 303-455-7600 / 866-455-9866

[Representative Diana DeGette](#) - 303-844-4988 (CO District 1)

[Representative Jared Polis](#) - 303-484-9596 (CO District 2)

[Representative Scott Tipton](#) - 970-241-2499 (CO District 3)

[Representative Ken Buck](#) - 970-702-2136 (CO District 4)

[Representative Doug Lamborn](#) - 719-520-0055 (CO District 5)

[Representative Mike Coffman](#) - 720-748-7514 (CO District 6)

[Representative Ed Perlmutter](#) - 303-274-7944 (CO District 7)

Sample script:

“Hi. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I’m a constituent of [Representative or Senator \_\_\_\_\_ or Governor Hickenlooper].

I'm calling today because I'm worried that Congress will rush to appeal the Affordable

Care Act and put me at risk of losing my health care. Unless there is a replacement plan that will ensure that Coloradans can get coverage they can afford, repealing the ACA could result in tens of thousands of Coloradans losing access to the care they need. Health plans could be cancelled and all Coloradans could have to pay much more for coverage.

[IF YOU'VE BENEFITTED DIRECTLY FROM THE ACA, BECAUSE YOU WERE NEWLY ABLE TO GET COVERAGE, OR TAX CREDITS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE MADE IT MORE AFFORDABLE, OR YOU WERE ABLE TO GET MEDICAID FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU CAN ADD 1-2 SENTENCES OF YOUR PERSONAL STORY AND HOW REPEAL WOULD IMPACT YOUR LIFE]

The ACA has helped close to 500,000 Coloradans, both children and adults, get health care. It's given Coloradans a better opportunity to work, care for our children and live healthier lives. And it's made our economy stronger and brought in thousands of jobs. We should not have to risk all that we've gained. Congress must devote time to creating a better plan before it rushes to repeal.

Please tell the [Representative or Senator or Governor] my concerns. Thank you for your time.”

Thank you for speaking up and helping inform your elected officials of what is important to real Coloradans.