

# Kaiser Family Foundation's The Latest

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## MEDICAID

### Medicaid Moving Ahead in Uncertain Times: Results from a 50-State Medicaid Budget Survey for State Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018

Medicaid enrollment growth slowed to 2.7 percent in state fiscal year 2017, down from 3.9 percent the prior year and far off the peak of 13.2 percent in 2015 that followed implementation of the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion, according to a new survey from the KFF. ([News Release](#), [Report](#), [Webcast](#))

## PODCAST

### 'What The Health?' Whiplash

After nearly two months of negotiations, the bipartisan leaders of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee this week agreed on a bill they say could help stabilize the struggling health insurance exchanges. But despite compromises made by Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) and Patty Murray (D-Wash.), it's still unclear whether Congress can pass the measure, particularly in time for the Affordable Care Act's 2018 open enrollment season, which begins Nov. 1. ([KHN](#))

## HEALTH REFORM

### Web Briefings: What Should Consumers Know about ACA Open Enrollment?

KFF will hold a series of state-focused web briefings next week, focusing on key information for individuals shopping for marketplace coverage. The schedule includes:

- Tuesday, October 24: [Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina](#)
- Thursday, October 26: [Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan](#)
- Friday, October 27: [Florida and Texas](#)

These sessions will offer a framework for understanding premiums and financial assistance in the ACA marketplaces, along with an overview of how many insurers are offering plans. It will outline important new rules that could affect coverage for individuals and their families, and will provide state-specific insights on what consumers can expect and where they can go for help.

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## News and Headlines

News and headlines from Kaiser Health News (KHN) and California Healthline (CHL). Follow KHN on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#), and CHL on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), for the latest updates.

- Podcast: 'What The Health?' Whiplash ([KHN](#))
- Despite GOP Efforts To Corral Medicaid Spending, States Expand Benefits ([KHN](#))
- Medicare Vs. Medicare Advantage: How To Choose ([KHN](#))
- Amid For-Profit Surge, Rural Hospice Has Offered Free Care for 40 Years ([KHN](#), [NPR](#))
- Desperate Quest For Herpes Cure Launched 'Rogue' Trial ([KHN](#), [The Daily Beast](#))
- Latest news summaries from the [KHN Morning Briefing](#)

## Data and Analysis

The latest in health policy data and analysis from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

- Medicaid Moving Ahead in Uncertain Times: Results from a 50-State Medicaid Budget Survey for State Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 ([News Release](#), [Report](#), [Webcast](#))
- Medicaid Enrollment & Spending Growth: FY 2017 & 2018 ([Issue Brief](#))
- Putting Medicaid in the Larger Budget Context: An In-Depth Look at Three States in FY 2017 and FY 2018 ([Issue Brief](#))
- The HPV Vaccine: Access and Use in the U.S. ([Fact Sheet](#))
- State Open Enrollment Web Briefings:
  - October 24: What Should Consumers Know about ACA Open Enrollment in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina? ([Web Briefing](#))
  - October 26: What Should Consumers Know about ACA Open Enrollment in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin? ([Web Briefing](#))
  - October 27: What Should Consumers Know about ACA Open Enrollment in Florida and Texas? ([Web Briefing](#))
- Latest news summaries from the [Kaiser Daily Global Health Policy Report](#)

## The Buzz

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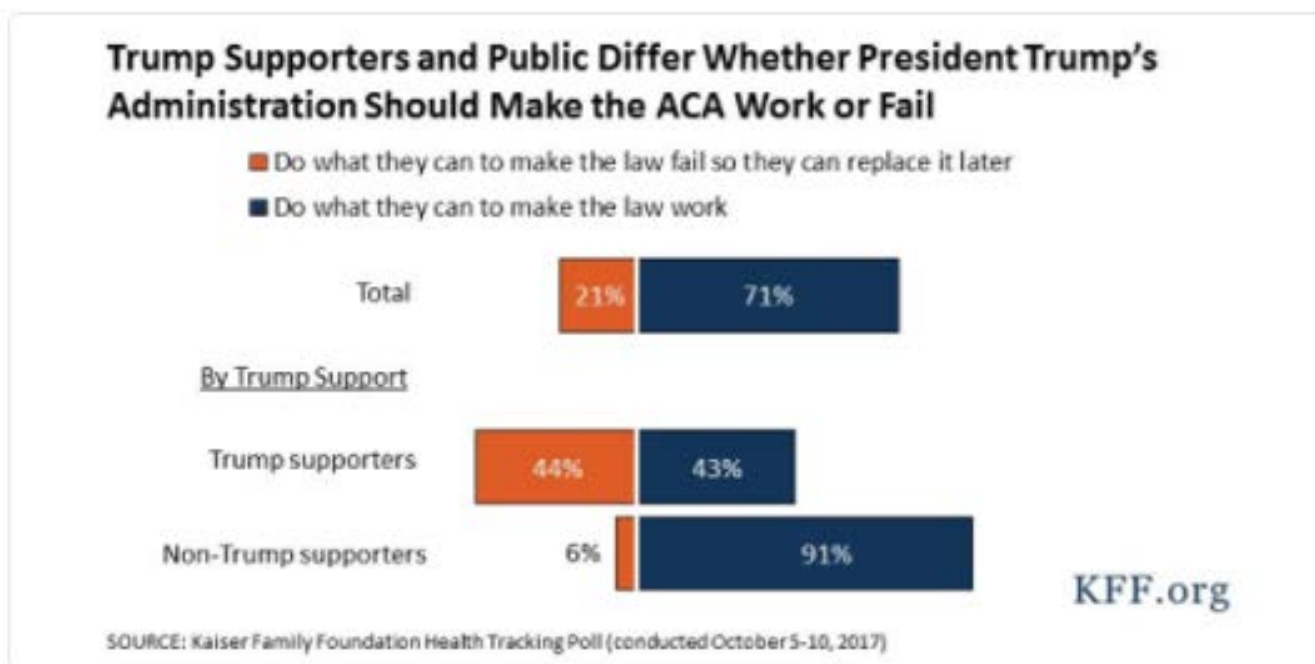


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