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HEALTH REFORM

[State-by-State Estimates of Changes in Federal Spending on Health Care Under the Graham-Cassidy Bill](#)

The Senate is preparing to vote next week on the Graham-Cassidy proposal to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act and to cap the Medicaid program. A new state-by-state Kaiser Family Foundation analysis finds that the major financing changes in the bill would reduce federal spending by \$160 billion over the 2020-2026 period. ([News Release](#), [Issue Brief](#))

WOMEN'S HEALTH POLICY

[Five Ways the Graham-Cassidy Proposal Would Affect Women](#)

Because of the dramatic changes that the Graham-Cassidy proposal could make in health care financing and insurance coverage, the bill would have a direct impact on the availability and scope of coverage for millions of women with private insurance and Medicaid. ([Fact Sheet](#))

POLLING

[Kaiser Health Tracking Poll - September 2017: What's Next for Health Care?](#)

Among health priorities facing urgent deadlines in Washington in September, the public ranks repeal of the Affordable Care Act lower than reauthorizing funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and stabilizing individual health insurance marketplaces established by the ACA, the Kaiser Family Foundation's new tracking poll finds. ([News Release](#), [Poll Findings](#))

DRUG COSTS

[High On Drugs? Anthem Cites Soaring Drug Costs To Justify 35% Rate Hike in California](#)

Health insurance giant Anthem predicts Californians will pop a lot more pills next year. To make the case for a hefty premium hike in the state's individual insurance market, Anthem Blue Cross has forecast a 30 percent jump in prescription drug costs for 2018. Such a sharp increase is nearly double the estimates of two other big insurers, and it runs counter to industry trends nationally. ([CHL Story](#))

News and Headlines

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- High On Drugs? Anthem Cites Soaring Drug Costs To Justify 35% Rate Hike in California ([CHL](#))
- Uncertainty Over Health Care's Future Hobbles Entrepreneurs ([KHN](#), [NPR](#))
- Money-Saving Offer For Medicare's Late Enrollees Is Expiring. Can They Buy Time? ([KHN](#), [NPR](#))

- To Wage War On Superbugs, FDA Clears Way For Scope With A Disposable Piece ([CHL](#), [Los Angeles Times](#))
- Narrow Networks Get Even Tighter When Shopping For Mental Health Specialists ([KHN](#))
- Caregivers Draw Support By Mapping Their Relationships ([KHN](#))
- Open Your Mouth And Say Goo-Goo: Dentists Treating Ever-Younger Patients ([CHL](#), [CNN](#))
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Data and Analysis

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

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- Kaiser Health Tracking Poll - September 2017: What's Next for Health Care? ([News Release](#), [Poll Findings](#))
- Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: The Public's Views on the ACA ([Interactive](#))
- Five Ways the Graham-Cassidy Proposal Would Affect Women ([Fact Sheet](#))
- Interactive: How State Policies Shape Access to Abortion Coverage ([Interactive](#))
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Republicans Want Their Leaders to Continue ACA Repeal Efforts, Democrats Want Their Leaders to Improve ACA

Among Republicans, share who want Republicans in Congress to focus on:

Improving the way the ACA is working

28%

Repealing and replacing the ACA

66%

Among Democrats, share who want Democrats in Congress to focus on:

Improving the way the ACA is working

52%

Trying to pass a national health care plan

43%

SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation Health Tracking Poll (Conducted September 13-18, 2017)

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