

Harmful Impacts for Women

This bill threatens women's health by including:

- No funding for Title X, the family planning program, although research has shown that every dollar invested in this type of publicly-funded family planning program helped to save nearly \$4 in public Medicaid costs.
- A roughly 80 percent reduction in funding for teen pregnancy prevention, at a time when the United States has the highest teen pregnancy rate among developed countries.
- A roughly 11 percent cut in the total funds available to the CDC, which is responsible for a host of public health issues like disease surveillance, childhood immunizations, environmental health, lead exposure, HIV/AIDS prevention, and the prevention and management of chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, and stroke.
- A 12 percent cut in funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration.
- Cuts and eliminations to health profession workforce development programs.
- Elimination of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, an agency whose mission is “to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans” and the only agency solely focused on patient safety and quality of health care.
- Ideological riders that will negatively affect women's health, including:
 - No funding to implement the Affordable Care Act. This means that women may continue to be charged more than men for insurance, that insurance plans will not be required to offer maternity coverage, and that barriers will be placed between women and recommended preventive services like cancer screenings. For a complete list of how the Affordable Care Act will improve women's health, please visit [here](#) or [here](#).
 - Recission of funds from the Affordable Care Act, including the Prevention and Public Health Fund.
 - No funding to enforce nearly all of the Affordable Care Act, including preventive health services for all Americans ranging from cancer screenings to contraception.
 - A ban on any federal funds in the bill going to Planned Parenthood, including Title X (a program that was zeroed out), Medicaid, and other public health programs. This could mean that Medicaid patients may not go to a Planned Parenthood affiliate for preventive health services such as breast cancer screenings and cervical cancer screenings.

This bill threatens women's economic security by including:

- A more than 5 percent cut to the Wage and Hour Division at the Department of Labor, an agency responsible for enforcement of wage requirements and employment protections, at a time when women still earn only 77 cents on the dollar to their male counterparts.
- A halt to efforts to provide home health workers, over 90 percent of whom are women, with minimum wage and overtime protections.

- Denial of the President’s request for a State Paid Family Leave Fund of \$5 million to help states develop paid leave programs which would prevent women and caregivers from having to choose between their health or the health of their family members and their jobs.
- Insufficient increase in funds for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), which would lead to the lowest number of children served since 1998. As it is, only one in six eligible children receive child care assistance, putting special strain on mothers who continue to be primary caregivers and are increasingly household breadwinners.
- A nearly 7 percent cut to funding for Social Security Administration, meaning even longer delays in processing claims for disability benefits and hearing appeals, and generally longer waiting times and reduced services to beneficiaries, about 60 percent of whom are women.

This bill threatens the safety and well-being of women and children by including:

- Funding cuts to an array of programs which serve to protect at-risk children such as Child Abuse Prevention, Child Abuse State Grants, Domestic Violence Hotline, Battered Women’s Shelters, Child Welfare Training, Native American programs, and Runaway and Homeless Youth.
- A cut of more than \$7 million, or 6 percent, to the Children’s Mental Health program at SAMHSA.
- A cut of nearly half (\$117 million) to the Safe Schools programs at the Department of Education – wiping out resources targeted to assisting schools in providing services such as school counselors and anti-bullying initiatives.