

# Fact Check: Brown's ACA Repeal Would Be Devastating For New Hampshire

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**Brown Said We Would Repeal The ACA.** At the April 2013 Grafton County Lincoln-Regan Luncheon, Brown discussed his votes against the ACA and maintained his opposition to the law saying, “The whole Obamacare mess, and I voted to repeal it and would do it again, is because I was there. I was able to try and stop it. And I think that its no a good bill.” [Grafton County Lincoln-Regan Luncheon, 4/20/2013]

- **Brown Voted Three Different Times To Repeal The ACA While He Was Still In The US Senate.** [Think Progress, [3/26/14](#)]

## **Fact: ACA Repeal Would Mean Higher Premiums, Less Coverage, Higher Prescription Drug Costs For Seniors & An Increase In The Deficit**

### ***ACA Repeal Would Leave Millions Without Coverage***

- **32 Million Fewer Nonelderly Americans Would Have Coverage In 2019.** “A Congressional Budget Office [analysis](#) of the GOP’s repeal measure from 2011 found that ‘32 million fewer nonelderly people would have health insurance in 2019, leaving a total of about 54 million nonelderly people uninsured. The share of legal nonelderly residents with insurance coverage in 2019 would be about 83 percent, compared with a projected share of 94 percent under current law (and 83 percent currently).” [Think Progress, [7/6/12](#)]

### ***ACA Repeal Would Reopen The Donut Hole, Bring Higher Prescription Drug Costs For NH Seniors***

- **CNN Factcheck: Seniors Would Pay More “If The Affordable Care Act Was Not In Place.”** [CNN, [10/4/12](#)]
  - **Seniors In New Hampshire Have Saved \$40,381,080 On Prescription Drugs Since 2010.** [Department of Health & Human Services, [7/29/14](#)]
  - **Nearly 6,000 NH Seniors Have Averaged Near \$800 In Savings Already In 2014.** [Department of Health And Human Services, [7/29/14](#)]

### ***ACA Repeal Would Mean Denial Of Coverage, Higher Premiums For Granite Staters With Preexisting Conditions***

- **Americans With Preexisting Conditions Will Lose Access To Coverage If The ACA Was Repealed.** “Republicans have said that they would not replace the Affordable Care Act’s federal rules prohibiting insurers from discriminating against people with pre-existing conditions. Instead, they would encourage states to form expensive high-risk pools to cover the sick or, alternatively, leave them to find their own coverage in the individual market — where many will likely go uninsured.” [Think Progress, [7/6/12](#)]
- **Nearly 600k Granite Staters, Including Nearly 70k Children, With A Preexisting Condition Will No Longer Face Increased Premiums Or Denial Of Coverage.** [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/1/13](#)]

### ***ACA Repeal Would Mean Higher Costs, Premiums For Americans***

- **USA Today: “All Consumers Would Take A Huge Financial Hit, Because Health Care Costs Would Continue To Rise, And Insurers Would Probably Recoup Their Losses By Charging Higher Premiums.”** “Republicans may not agree with President Obama's State of the Union call to drop the idea of repealing the Affordable Care Act, but health experts say the law has taken such hold that it may be impossible to get rid of it. The consequences of repeal, health care officials and industry analysts say, go beyond the fact that 9 million people would suddenly lose their insurance or that anyone with a pre-existing condition would either lose insurance or pay much higher premiums. All consumers would take a huge financial hit, because health care costs would continue to rise, and insurers would probably recoup their losses by charging higher premiums.” [USA Today, [2/1/2014](#)]
- **Repealing The ACA Eliminate Many Cost Saving Measures In The Law Including Incentives To Use Electronic Medical Records, Explanations For Premium Increases, Penalties For Patient Readmission And Accountable Care Organizations.** [USA Today, [2/1/2014](#)]

### ***ACA Repeal Would Increase The Deficit***

- **Repealing The ACA Would Increase The Deficit By \$109 Billion Over 10 Years.** “Congressional budget analysts said Wednesday that repealing ObamaCare would increase the deficit by scrapping the law's taxes, fees and spending cuts. The notice from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) came ahead of Thursday's House vote on full repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The CBO refused to provide a new cost estimate for repeal, saying there is too little time before the vote. But Director Doug Elmendorf pointed to an estimate from July 2012 that abolishing healthcare reform would raise the deficit by \$109 billion over 10 years.” [The Hill, Floor Action, [5/15/13](#)]
- **PolitiFact: Claim That Repealing The ACA Will Increase The Deficit Is “Mostly True.”** [PolitiFact, [9/20/13](#)]