
HEALTHCARE

Republicans see health care as a privilege for those they believe “deserve” it, leaving out many women, children, elderly, disabled, low income and working poor people.

- Despite [Gov. Cooper’s support](#), the NCGA refuses [MEDICAID EXPANSION](#), ignoring the hard work of a small bipartisan group to create a compromise “[Close the Gap](#)” bill. This refusal [denies health care coverage](#) to more than 500,000 citizens and means NC will lose \$40 billion in federal funds over the next ten years, in addition to the consequences of unhealthy citizens.
- The lack of Medicaid expansion is resulting in the [closure of some rural hospitals](#) that serve largely low-income communities. It is also impeding efforts to address the [opioid crisis](#).
- The lack of Medicaid expansion results in [more expensive health insurance](#) for everyone.
- Just this spring, Republicans refused to consider a bill to even [STUDY Medicaid expansion](#).
- Republicans attempted to pass “[junk plans](#)” exempt from state oversight that could exclude people with pre-existing conditions or charge them more. The bill failed, but reflects their priorities.
- After passing laws to [withhold funding from Planned Parenthood and decrease access to women’s reproductive health services](#), including abortions, Republicans voted to [provide tax dollars to anti-abortion “health centers”](#) that have been shown to provide inaccurate and misleading information about abortion, contraception, and sexuality.

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