

As Many as 3.2 Million New Yorkers Could Become Uninsured if the Affordable Care Act is Overturned; Our State's Children's Uninsurance Rate Could Increase by More Than a Third

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New York, N.Y. – Today, the Supreme Court of the United States heard oral arguments in *California v. Texas*, a case in which all or part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) could be found unconstitutional and overturned. Children's Defense Fund – New York's (CDF-NY) Director of Poverty and Health Policy Ben Anderson released this Statement in anticipation of the arguments:

“Overturning the ACA during a global pandemic and amidst economic downturn would undoubtedly harm New York's most vulnerable children, young adults and families, and will disproportionately impact New Yorkers of color. ACA repeal would walk back the historic gains New York has achieved in healthcare coverage, access and affordability, including being the nation's only state to significantly reduce its number of uninsured children over the last three years.”

“If the ACA is repealed, New York's uninsured population will grow significantly, with as many as 3.2 million New Yorkers losing insurance, including former foster youth, young adults and nearly 30,000 children. Eliminating the ACA's premium tax credits and financial subsidies would have devastating financial implications for New Yorkers, as would job loss resulting from ACA repeal and the \$12.4 billion decline in New York's federal funding. While some of the ACA's protections have been codified into State law, New Yorkers on self-funded plans could still face denial for preexisting conditions, lifetime and annual spending limits and the loss of critical covered services under ACA repeal.”

“The loss of the ACA will disproportionately impact communities of color, thereby widening existing disparities in health coverage, access to care and health outcomes. This will occur amidst the backdrops of both a pandemic and economic downturn that have already devastatingly and disproportionately affected New Yorkers of color. ACA repeal is thereby not only fiscally irresponsible and harmful for the health of vulnerable New Yorkers – and of all Americans – but also morally reprehensible.”

For more on what repeal of the Affordable Care Act would mean for New York's children, young adults and families, see CDF-NY's [Issue Brief](#).