



LULAC OPPOSES EFFORTS TO REPEAL OR CHIP AWAY AT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

- ❖ LULAC opposes any legislative efforts that would eliminate insurance coverage currently provided by the Affordable Care Act. Repealing the Affordable Care Act without a plan to prevent millions from losing insurance coverage is irresponsible. Over 22 million people would lose coverage if the Affordable Care Act is repealed including an estimated 4.2 million Latinos.
- ❖ One-third of all Latinos are uninsured, making this the population with the highest rate of uninsured individuals compared to any other racial or ethnic group. Over 4.2 million Latinos gained insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). With proper preventative care, health problems that disproportionately affect Latinos can be identified earlier and managed more effectively.
- ❖ LULAC will work with other organizations to host “enrollment summits” to get Latinos to sign-up for health coverage during the next open enrollment. LULAC encourages Members of Congress to host similar enrollment events and/or support current enrollment efforts. For more information on LULAC’s health efforts, please go to www.lulac.org/health.

LULAC OPPOSES EFFORTS TO DEFUND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR WOMEN

- ❖ LULAC opposes any congressional attempts to eliminate the availability of comprehensive health services for women by defunding health organizations like Planned Parenthood. Defunding Planned Parenthood threatens the health care services of 2.5 million people, including more than 575,000 Latinos who rely on health centers for basic health care.

LULAC SUPPORTS INCREASED FUNDING FOR HIV/AIDS SUPPORT, RESEARCH, AND CARE PROGRAMS

- ❖ Latinos are disproportionately affected by HIV and face many challenges including stigma and lack of proper care. In 2013, nearly 11,000 Latinos were diagnosed with HIV and in 2010 Latino youth accounted for 20 percent of all new HIV infections among youth in the United States.

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR IMMIGRANTS

- ❖ Immigrants face a number of barriers to accessing health care services; some of these include language and cultural barriers. It is critical for information to be available in English and Spanish. Individuals currently authorized to work in the country, including DREAMers, should have access to health care options either through Medicaid, the health exchange, or other arrangements. LULAC supports legislation like *H.R. 1974, HEAL for Immigrant Women and Families Act of 2015*, that would restore access to affordable health coverage and care for immigrants authorized to live and work.

ASTHMA AND ITS AFFECT ON LATINO CHILDREN

- ❖ Latinos are disproportionately affected by asthma. In fact, 14 percent of Latino children having been diagnosed with asthma. There are currently 3.6 million Latinos in the United States with asthma. Furthermore, Latinos are 30 percent more likely to visit the hospital for an asthma-related incident and 40 percent more likely to die from asthma. LULAC urges congress to support strong regulation that aims to cut pollution from existing and planned power plants (pollution that disproportionately affects Latino communities. 40 percent of Latinos live within 10 miles of a power plant.)

INTEGRATION OF MENTAL HEALTH INTO PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM SYSTEMS

- ❖ LULAC supports the creation of Family Caregiver Supportive Services as a benefit under Medicare to ensure support for Latino family caregivers that provide care for loved ones with mental health conditions. Family Caregiver Supportive Services can improve health outcomes and limit healthcare costs by delaying the use of institutional care for individuals with a mental health condition.

LULAC OPPOSES LIMITING CONSUMER CHOICE FOR CONTACT LENSES

- ❖ LULAC opposes any legislation like H.R. 6157, the *Contact Lens Health Protection Act of 2016* that would limit the ability of consumers to conveniently access affordable lenses.