



# The Affordable Care Act

## Recent key developments on the ACA and potential future actions

May 2017:



**House passes the AHCA narrowly, along party lines:** After much debate, the Upton and MacArthur Amendments helped to convince Republican members to vote to pass the AHCA; CBO estimates of the passed bill suggest 23 million will be uninsured by 2026

June 2017:



**Senate GOP unveils the Better Care Reconciliation Act:** The Senate version of the ACA repeal bill has more intense cuts to Medicaid funding, increases premiums for the elderly and provides bigger tax cuts to the wealthy; CBO score says there will be 22 million more uninsured individuals by 2026 than under current law

July 2017:

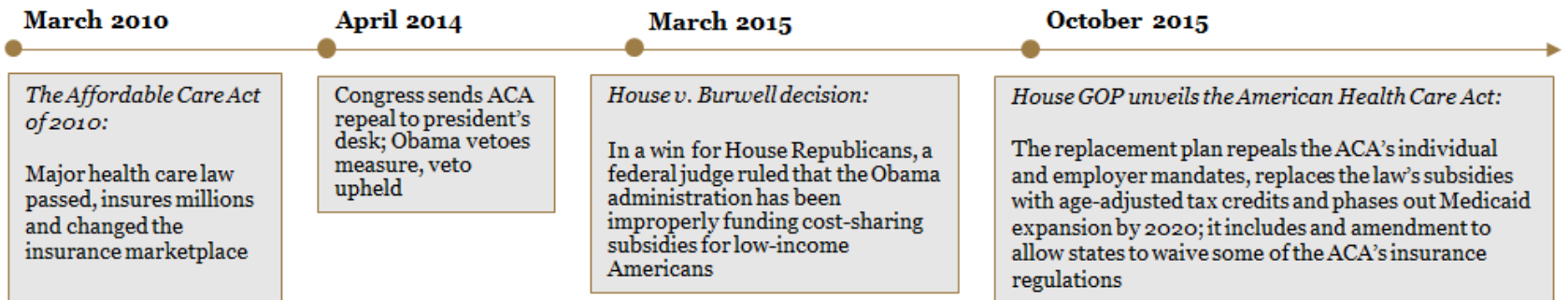


**BCRA fails the Senate vote:** After motion to proceed passed, full repeal without replacement, the BCRA and 'skinny repeal' fails to pass, with Senators Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski and John McCain voting no

### Potential actions

- Many Republican senators represent states that have benefitted from Medicaid expansion, suggesting they would oppose the Medicaid cuts
- The "Problem Solvers" caucus in the House has been working on a bipartisan path forward for health care reform
- Even though the BCRA was shot down in the Senate, the reconciliation process is not dead and GOP leadership could bring back health care reform
- The HELP committee is also working on proposals to alleviate the opioid epidemic and keep insurers in the individual marketplace

## Legislative timeline



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