Trump's 11 Worst Attacks On Women's Health

From restricting women's access to family planning services to allowing insurance companies to change women more than men for health insurance, the Trump Administration has tirelessly attacked American women's health. During Protect Women's Care Week of Action, Americans are demanding an end to President Trump's war on women's health.

Here are the top 11 ways Trump is setting American women's health back:

1. **Letting Insurance Companies Charge Women More Than Men:** Prior to the Affordable Care Act, 92 percent of plans in the market charged women up to 1.5 times as much as they charged men, in a practice known as gender rating. The Trump Administration is taking us back to the days when women could be charged more. Under the Trump Administration's recent "short-term" rule, insurers would be able to skirt the ACA's gender rating provision that banned insurers from charging different rates for men and women.

2. **Letting Insurance Companies Charge More For "Pre-Existing Conditions" Like Pregnancy & Being A Woman:** The Affordable Care Act prevents insurers from denying, dropping, or charging more because of a pre-existing condition like cancer, or even, having a C-section. But, the Trump Administration's new "short-term" plan rule allows insurers to deny coverage because someone has a pre-existing condition, and will raise costs and jeopardize coverage for nearly 30 million women who have a pre-existing condition.

3. **Making Maternity Care More Expensive:** Before the Affordable Care Act, 75 percent of non-group plans did not cover delivery and inpatient care for maternity care. The ACA The Trump Administration and its Republican allies continue to advocate for policies, such as short-term and association health plans, that are not required to cover "essential health benefits," and can thus force women to pay the nearly $20,000 it costs to give birth out of pocket.

4. **Defunding Planned Parenthood**: In January 2018, the Trump Administration announced it would roll back Obama Administration guidance that warned states not to carve Planned Parenthood out of their Medicaid providers, signaling its willingness to place even higher barriers in the way of women's access to health care.

5. **Making Women Pay More For Birth Control**: The Trump Administration's proposed rule to let any employer opt out of offering health insurance that covers birth control rolls back the ACA's guarantee that women may access copay-free contraception.

6. **Cutting Medicaid:** President Trump's calls to cut Medicaid put women's lives and jobs at risk. The Trump Administration's recent budget slashed Medicaid funding by more than $1 trillion over the next decade. These cuts will jeopardize the care of the nearly 13 million women of reproductive age who rely on Medicaid, including 31 percent of African-American women and 27 percent of Hispanic women in this age group. Moreover, 22.8 percent of women in the workforce are employed in the health industry, meaning their jobs may be at risk as well.

7. **Making New Moms Choose Between Working Or Losing Coverage**: Almost two-thirds of those who would lose Medicaid coverage as a result of work requirements are women, and disproportionately women of color. This is in part because women are more likely to be caregivers for sick family members and children. Under these rules, a new mom would have 60 days to find health coverage after giving birth or risk their family's health coverage.

8. **Stacking Federal Courts With Anti-Choice Judges**: The next generation of American women will face a growing threat posed by an increasingly anti-choice federal judiciary. Twelve of Trump's judicial nominees were appointed to circuit courts during his first year – more than any other first-year president in American history.

9. **Reversing Progress Against Breast Cancer**: Republicans' repeated attempts to undermine the Affordable Care Act's essential health benefits threaten landmark progress in women's preventive health. New research finds that

the ACA requirement that plans (including Medicare) must cover recommended preventive care without a copay led to a significant [increase](#) in the number of women receiving mammography screenings.

10. **Cutting Funding For Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs:** The administration slashed two years off of five-year grants dedicated [to teen pregnancy prevention research](#), which have already been promised to organizations across the country.

11. **Allowing States To Defund Clinics That Offer Abortion Care:** Trump signed a bill allowing states to withhold Title X family planning funds from health care providers that offer abortion-related care. Thirteen states used to [withhold the Title X money](#) from abortion providers before the Obama administration blocked them. (Because of the Hyde Amendment, federal funds can't be used to pay for abortions, so the Title X money went to other health services at those clinics.) The legislation allows them to withhold the funds again and redirect them to providers that don't offer abortion care.