What’s at Stake for Nurses and Patients without the Affordable Care Act

**Access**
- **Access to Care, Coverage, Gains, and Reduced Cost Burden**
  - 22 million fewer Americans with coverage and $772 billion less in Medicaid funding
  - Weaker protections for those with pre-existing conditions
  - Higher costs for older, low- and middle-income Americans

**Cost**
- **Preventive Services, Essential Health Benefits, and More Efficient Use of Resources**
  - Loss of 10 Essential Health Benefits requirement
  - Greater reliance on charity care and Emergency Rooms for those without coverage
  - Loss of $18 billion/year in prevention funding for vaccinations, tobacco, etc.

**Quality**
- **Quality of Care and Value-Based Purchasing Models**
  - Loss of ACA’s major care coordination provisions
  - Loss of gains made through the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program
  - Reversal of value-based purchasing reforms and quality initiatives
  - 35% reduction in Medicare Part B Certified Nurse Midwife reimbursement

**Workforce**
- **Workforce Gains**
  - Loss of over 1 million healthcare jobs by 2023
  - Significant loss of RN and APRN jobs

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