League of Women Voters of Louisiana & Health Care

An Overview
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Website: http://lwvofla.org
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Established in 1920 – Winning Right to Vote Women
Non profit 501c4 & 501c3 Organization
Nonpartisan – No Candidate/Party
All-Inclusive members - Women & Men (1973)
Grassroots Community Based
Sets Fundamental Principles
After Study - Establishes Public Policy Positions
Informed & Active Participation – Government
Education & Advocacy - Influence Policy
State & Local Leagues’
Public Policy Positions

• Apply LWVUS Positions
  o Multiple & Extensive:
    o Voting Rights, Election Process, Citizen Rights, Natural Resources, Environment, Representative Government Education, Equal Rights, Fiscal, Tax…

  o Health Care

• Expand/Modify/Add Positions
  o After extensive process, study and approval
Health Care Policy Positions

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• LWVUS: Adopted 1993 Positions started 1990
  o A basic level of quality care – at an affordable cost
  o Nationally financed through general taxes; or employer-based
  o Opposes strictly private market-based financing model solely administered by private sector or states
  o Combination of private & public or federal, state or regions
  o Healthcare resources based on urgency of medical condition, patient life expectancy, expected outcome of treatment, cost of procedure, duration of care, quality of life & wishes of the patient/family…

Not on the ability of the patient to pay for services
• LWVLA & US:
  o Supported ACA
    o Improve
  o Do Not Repeal
    o Adequate Alternative Plan in place simultaneously
  o Letters to Senators – January 9, 2017
    o Study the issues prior to voting
    o Louisiana Ranks 49th in Healthcare
    o Highest number of Working Poor
    o Louisianaans’ harmed by Repeal
      o All constituents (and not just the working poor or elderly)
ACA Repeal Impact

• Harm Immediate – Louisiana
  • 588,230 (1 of 5) adults enrolled in ACA since July, 2016
    o (State Marketplace & Medicaid Expansion)
  • Economic & Budget Losses
    o 37,000 jobs*
    o $39.1B business output*
    o $21.5B gross state product*
    o $639.7M state & local taxes**
    o $366M Federal Marketplace spending in 2019
      o $4B between 2019-2028**
    o $1.9B Medicaid funding in 2019**
      o $22.7B between 2019-2028**

*Milken Inst. School of Public Health @George Washington, University, Washington, D.C.
**Center on Budget & Policy Priorities-Urban Institute Estimates, 12.2016
What’s Next & When?

YESTERDAY

TODAY

TOMORROW
YES-NO-YES-NO-MAYBE

CONSUMER’S/PATIENT’S FUTURE ????