



Republican Budget Would Be Devastating for Montana Women

Senate Democrats have introduced a budget that cuts wasteful spending, invests in what the economy needs to grow, and protects programs critical to women across the country. Meanwhile, Republicans have again introduced a budget that would take an enormous toll on the nation's women, cutting the services they rely on for their health and the health of their children.

1,558 fewer Montana women will be screened for cancer. The Republican budget would cut funding for the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, which helps low-income, uninsured, or underinsured women gain access to diagnostic services like clinical breast examinations, mammograms, pap tests, and pelvic examinations. The deep cuts in the Republican budget could result in Montana receiving \$392,582 less funding. [CDC, accessed [12/17/12](#); DPCC Calculations Based on Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Related Agencies, [7/25/12](#)]

1,521 fewer children will receive life-saving vaccinations. Grants for childhood immunizations help to purchase and distribute vaccines for poor and uninsured children. The Republican budget could cut \$103,952 in funding for life-saving vaccinations in Montana. [CDC, accessed [12/17/12](#); DPCC Calculations Based on Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, [7/25/12](#)]

Reproductive health programs in Montana could be cut by \$418,899. The Republican budget could cut \$418,899 in services funding for the Title X family planning program in Montana, which provides access to contraceptive supplies, reproductive health information and counseling, breast and pelvic examinations, breast and cervical cancer screening, STD and HIV prevention education, and pregnancy counseling to 24,035 women in 2011 alone. [HHS accessed [2/26/13](#); HHS, [11/12/12](#); Family Planning Coalition, [12/21/12](#); DPCC Calculations Based on CBPP, [3/14/13](#)]

Over 116,000 women in Montana will lose access to health benefits. The Republican budget repeals the Affordable Care Act, eliminating health insurance coverage and new benefits for millions of Americans and jeopardizing their access to stable, secure, affordable care. 116,000 women and 81,000 children in Montana would have a lifetime limit on their coverage under the Republican budget. [White House blog, [3/5/12](#)]

31,426 fewer women and children will have access to maternal and child health services in Montana. The Maternal and Child Health Block Grant program helps states provide critical maternal and child health services, including prenatal care, well child services, and other services through clinics, home visits, and school-based health programs. The Republican budget would cut \$0.4 million in funding from Montana, resulting in 31,426 fewer women and children served. [HRSA, accessed on [3/19/13](#); DPCC Calculations Based on Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, [7/25/12](#)]