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<p>Kentuckians need to hear from Kentuckians like them that Matt Bevin’s actions and policies on healthcare are hurting Kentucky families.</p>	<p>See below.</p>
<p>He has repeatedly jeopardized the health of Kentucky families by trying to weaken health benefits,</p>	<p>See below.</p>
<p>including going to court to try and take away coverage for pre-existing conditions.</p>	<p>Governor Bevin “signed onto to defend” Association Healthcare Plans in Court.</p> <p>“Controversy surrounds new insurance ruling,” Michon Lindstrom, Spectrum News, 06/11/2019</p> <p>Governor Matt Bevin has signed onto to defend a law allowing small businesses to band together to offer insurance plans that a judge determined a “run around” to the Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>A federal judge in March ruled against the United States Labor Department rule dealing with Association Health Plans which allowed small businesses to join together to offer health insurance to employees...</p> <p>Attorney General Andy Beshear, D-Kentucky, argued on the other side of this rule. He joined in with 11 other attorneys general to invalidate this law on the grounds that it allowed small business to not comply with provisions of the Affordable Care Act, including the pre-existing condition clause.</p> <p>The American Medical Association noted that these plans allow “insurers to discriminate against individuals based on pre-existing health conditions.” Under these plans, insurers wouldn’t have to offer coverage for pre-existing conditions and could offer unaffordable plans that don’t cover key conditions.</p>

	<p><u>American Medical Association: Trump rule would revive pre-existing condition discrimination, 12/21/2018</u></p> <p>Physicians are all for increasing patient access to health care, but a U.S. Labor Department rule expanding association health plans (AHPs) will do the exact opposite, doctors tell a federal court in an amicus brief.</p> <p>The Trump administration’s rule will undermine the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) reforms by depriving patients of essential care, allowing insurers to discriminate against individuals based on pre-existing health conditions, destabilizing the insurance markets and exposing patients to fraud, physicians told the court.</p> <p><u>Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: Association Health Plan Expansion Likely to Hurt Consumers, State Insurance Markets, 3/7/2019</u></p> <p>AHPs don’t have to provide the ACA’s “essential health benefits.” While some AHP entities have chosen to offer plans that include a traditional set of benefits — such as hospital and outpatient care, prescription drugs, and mental health services — this is not a requirement. Details of the covered benefits that AHPs offer to individuals and small businesses may differ in important ways from the benefits required in a state’s individual and small-group markets, meaning that people can’t assume that basic benefits will be covered if they enroll in a plan that’s exempt from the ACA’s essential health benefits guarantee. And even if an AHP has opted to cover comprehensive benefits for now, it won’t necessarily continue to do so.</p>
<p>Bevin also took away dental and vision coverage</p>	<p><u>“Ky. Governor cancels Medicaid dental, vision benefits after losing work requirement ruling,” Peter Sullivan, The Hill, 07/02/2018</u></p> <p>Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin’s (R) administration is canceling dental and vision benefits for thousands of people on Medicaid in the state following a judge blocking the state’s Medicaid work requirements.</p> <p>The cancellation of dental and vision coverage for almost 500,000 enrollees in the state’s Medicaid expansion is “an unfortunate consequence of the judge's ruling,” Doug Hogan, a spokesman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, told the Louisville Courier-Journal.</p>

	<p><u>"Bevin payback: 460,000 lose vision, dental care," Morehead News Editorial, 07/11/2018</u></p> <p>Rather than reprimand the judge and call him names as he earlier had done to a state judge, Bevin reacted by canceling – without advance notice or public hearings – the dental and vision coverage for as many as 460,000 Kentuckians.</p> <p><u>"Bevin will reverse cuts to Medicaid dental, vision services, state says," Deborah Yetter, Louisville Courier-Journal, 07/19/2019</u></p> <p>In a surprise reversal, Kentucky officials have announced the state will rescind Medicaid cuts that eliminated dental, vision and non-emergency transportation services for nearly 400,000 Kentuckians.</p>
<p>from nearly five hundred thousand Kentuckians.</p>	<p><u>"Nearly 500,000 in Kentucky losing vision and dental coverage after Medicaid ruling," Associated Press, 07/02/2018</u></p> <p>Gov. Matt Bevin's administration is cutting dental and vision coverage for nearly a half-million Kentuckians after his Medicaid overhaul plan was rejected in court.</p>
<p>Andy Beshear is a good man who will work with anyone from either party to help Kentucky families</p>	
<p>especially when it comes to making healthcare more affordable</p>	<p><u>"Beshear unveils his health care plan for Kentucky," Tom Latek, Kentucky Today, 03/26/2019</u></p> <p>Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andy Beshear unveiled his health care plan at a press conference outside the State Capitol on Tuesday.</p> <p>Known as For Healthy Kentucky Families, Beshear, the current attorney general, said, "My goal is to make sure every single Kentuckian has some form of coverage, and that we lower the costs for every single Kentucky family."</p> <p>His health care plan has three major components: ensuring quality and comprehensive coverage for all Kentuckians, protecting Medicaid and getting Kentucky's fair share of federal dollars and lowering the cost of prescription drugs while holding big pharmaceutical companies accountable.</p>
<p>protecting people with pre-existing conditions</p>	<p><u>"What you need to know about the Affordable Care Act after Texas ruling," Daniella Cheslow, NPR, 12/17/2018</u></p> <p>The Affordable Care Act faces a new legal challenge after a federal judge in Texas ruled the law unconstitutional on</p>

	<p>Friday. The decision risks throwing the nation's health care system into turmoil should it be upheld on appeal. But little will be different in the meantime...</p> <p>The Affordable Care Act runs for more than 1,000 pages and includes many provisions — the exchanges for individuals that are frequently political footballs — and a long list of other measures and protections designed to expand insurance coverage.</p> <p>NPR's Alison Kodjak reports that the ACA expanded Medicaid, which has allowed more than 10 million people to get coverage in states that chose to expand the program. The law also protects people with pre-existing conditions and allows people up to age 26 to be covered under their parents' insurance; requires calorie counts at restaurants and gives protections to lactating mothers.</p> <p><u>"Beshear, AGs appeal Texas ruling threatening health care coverage for over 1.3 million Kentuckians," Sentinel Echo, 01/04/2019</u></p> <p>Attorney General Andy Beshear has joined with a group of attorneys general to appeal a federal judge's Dec. 14 ruling that threatens the health care coverage for over 1.3 million Kentuckians.</p> <p>Beshear said his action is to prevent key health benefits from being stripped away from Kentuckians with pre-existing conditions, protect seniors' prescription drug discounts and prohibit companies from charging women and seniors more for their coverage.</p>
<p>and holding drug companies accountable.</p>	<p><u>"Kentucky AG going after 9th opioid maker, hails efforts as 'most aggressive' in nation, Josh James, WUKY, 11/19/2018</u></p> <p>Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear is launching a ninth lawsuit against a pharmaceutical company he argues helped fuel the state's opioid epidemic.</p> <p>"This lawsuit makes Kentucky the most aggressive state in pursuing these companies in the nation," the top law enforcement official said Monday.</p> <p><u>"AG Beshear announces lawsuits against 23 drug makers," Makayla Ballman, WAVE 3, 05/13/2019</u></p> <p>Attorney General Andy Beshear announced two lawsuits on Monday, regarding 23 drug manufacturers who he says</p>

skyrocketed the prices of more than 100 prescription drugs, including drugs to treat diabetes, epilepsy and cancer.

["Attorney General Beshear sues leading insulin manufacturers," Associated Press, 05/13/2019](#)

Kentucky's attorney general, Andy Beshear, sued three leading insulin manufacturers, accusing them of deceptive pricing schemes that have caused hardships in a state with high diabetes rates.

Attorney General Andy Beshear says his lawsuit filed Monday in state court seeks civil and punitive penalties. Defendants are Eli Lilly, Sanofi-Aventis and Novo Nordisk.

Sanofi says it will "vigorously" defend itself against the "meritless" allegations. The other defendants did not immediately comment.

The suit alleges the insulin makers violated Kentucky's consumer-protection law with schemes to inflate insulin prices. Beshear says the defendants increased the price of insulin products at least 10 times since 2008.