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**REPEAL OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT COULD COST US.**



**Eau Claire, WI, March 13, 2017** – The Affordable Care Act (ACA) became a law in March 10, 2010. Often, it is called Obamacare, and many think it is only a health insurance program. However, it is more and affects all of us. The ACA currently provides health insurance through the Marketplace for 6.4 million people of which 224,208 are from Wisconsin. There are over 3,000 Eau Claire County residents on the Marketplace.

- The ACA provides tax credits to low income families and individuals on the Marketplace (Obamacare), so they are able to find affordable health insurance and coverage.
  - In 2017, Eau Claire County residents using services through the ACA will receive tax credits ranging from \$ 447.48 to \$532.18 for the year, depending on where they live in the county. This would equal 4 to 5 electric bill payments in Eau Claire County.
- The ACA assures free preventive services, such as immunizations, cancer screenings, contraception, and mammograms for everyone with health insurance. These services are not just for those with Marketplace (Obamacare) insurance, but also for all of us.
- The ACA also funds the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF).
  - In 2016, the Center for Disease Control received 12% (892 million) of its annual budget from the ACA PPHF. This money provides basic funding for national disease prevention.
  - Wisconsin received 64 million (that is over 100,000 season tickets to see the Green Bay Packers) from the fund to assist with programs such as preventive health and health services, Million Hearts and Immunizations.
  - The Eau Claire City-County health department has received over \$42,000 annually for immunizations and prevention from the fund.

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