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Stephanie Woodward, of Rochester, N.Y., who has spina bifida and uses a wheelchair, is removed from a sit-in at Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's office Thursday as she and other disability rights advocates protest proposed funding caps to Medicaid. | Jacquelyn Martin/AP

Winners and losers from the Senate repeal bill

The wealthy, young and healthy come out ahead in the GOP's newly revealed plan, while addiction treatment programs and Planned Parenthood are slated to lose funding.

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The Senate's Obamacare repeal bill, which touches all parts of the health care system and beyond, creates new sets of winners and losers. Here are a few:

THE WINNERS

The wealthy: The bill would strike

Affordable Care Act taxes on high earners, particularly a levy on investment income that fell on married couples with more than \$250,000 of adjusted gross income and single filers with more than \$200,000 of adjusted gross income. It also nixes a Medicare Hospital Insurance tax on incomes above \$250,000.

The young and healthy: The plan focuses on lowering premiums by allowing states to cut some of Obamacare's major insurance rules that help protect sicker patients but also drive up the cost of coverage. For instance, states could cut mandated coverage of emergency care and substance abuse treatment. Younger and healthier people with fewer health care needs would be able to buy skimpier health insurance.

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GOP governors who fought Obamacare: Republican governors who sought less federal oversight and more state control over their insurance markets will get tremendous leeway under waivers in the Senate bill.

Some health industry groups: Medical device makers, health insurers and tanning establishments, among others, would see the eventual elimination of ACA taxes on their products or services — although some of those taxes may be kept temporarily to pay for parts of the plan.

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THE LOSERS

Poorer, older insurance consumers: The Senate plan, like the House bill, would allow insurers to charge their older customers up to five times as much as younger customers for the same health plan. That's an expansion of the so-called age band in Obamacare, which allows insurers to charge older customers no more than three times as much as younger ones.



People struggling with addiction: The bill rolls back the federal government's generous funding for Medicaid expansion, which has been a major source of substance abuse treatment amid the opioid epidemic. The Senate draft earmarks \$2 billion for opioid treatment in 2018 — compared to the House's provision of \$15 billion over 10 years for mental health, substance abuse and maternity care.

Planned Parenthood and its clients: The women's health organization, a frequent GOP target for defunding, would be cut out of the Medicaid program for one year. However, this provision could be problematic for moderate Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, and Republicans can't afford to lose more than two votes.

Public health agencies: The draft kills the ACA's \$1 billion Prevention and Public Health Fund in 2018, one year earlier than the House-approved health bill. The fund makes up roughly 12 percent of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's budget and has been used to address public health threats, including the Zika virus outbreak, as well as for preventive health services and immunization programs.

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