

Rally for health care

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What does "Repeal Obamacare" mean to Oregonians? As a nurse practitioner seeing many patients in Jackson County who currently receive health care because of the Affordable Care Act, it will likely mean going without medications, medical procedures and chronic disease care.

If we allow repeal before we replace, we will sanction pain, suffering and potential death to many of our family, friends and community members who will not be able to afford care. It's easy for a Washington, D.C., politician with federal health care to discuss human lives as though we are pawns on their chess board. Don't let them pull the plug on life-giving care.

Let's start a conversation on Replacing the broken insurance part of Obamacare with a Medicare-for-all system which most countries of the world have. This system would not force loved ones to choose between food or expensive medications for Mom.

Societies are not judged by how big they build skyscrapers but rather how they care for their most vulnerable. Speak up for health care!

Join us Jan. 15 in Medford to protest the repeal plan and demand health care as a human right!
Rally at 1 p.m. at the Medford library.