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## Top Ten Ways That Donald Trump Has Sabotaged Floridians' Health Care

1. **Trump Won't Stop Trying To Repeal Our Health Care Law.** Trump notoriously tried and failed multiple times to repeal the Affordable Care Act. All of the repeal bills that went through Congress would have caused millions of Americans to lose their health coverage and raised costs for millions more. They would have ended Medicaid as we know it, putting the care of children, seniors and people with disabilities at risk.

2. **Trump Is All-In On The Texas Lawsuit, Threatening Health Care For Millions.** After failing to repeal the health care law, Trump took his war on America's health care to a new level and went to court seeking to strike down the entire Affordable Care Act--including protections for pre-existing conditions. If the Republican lawsuit is successful, 23 million Americans -- including 1.6 million Floridians -- will lose their coverage and more than 135 million people will lose protections for pre-existing conditions, including the millions of Americans who contracted the coronavirus. The lawsuit will be heard one week after the election.

3. **Trump Has Repeatedly Undermined Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions.** In addition to supporting a lawsuit that would destroy the ACA in its entirety, the Trump administration has expanded access to junk plans that do not need to cover pre-existing conditions. More than 8 million Floridians have a pre-existing condition. These plans can also deny coverage for prescription drugs, preventative care, and other essential health benefits. Junk plans are particularly harmful during the coronavirus crisis: One analysis found widespread misleading marketing of short-term plans during the pandemic. Reports have already shown that patients covered by these plans have been left with thousands of dollars in medical bills for seeking treatment for coronavirus symptoms.

4. **Trump Continues To Stand With Big Pharma As Drug Prices Have Soared.** Donald Trump promised that he would lower drug costs, but instead he gave drug companies billions in tax breaks. The year after the tax bill passed, the largest drug companies made $50 billion in profits and subsequently used their savings to invest billions more in stock buybacks for their shareholders. Meanwhile, more than 4,000 drugs saw price increases averaging 21 percent in 2019, and drug prices are steadily rising even as the nation fights the coronavirus crisis. Trump has rejected common sense reforms, like giving Medicare the power to negotiate for lower prices. According to AARP, 30 percent of Florida residents stopped taking medication as prescribed due to cost in 2017.

5. **Trump Has Waged A War On Medicaid.** Between encouraging states to impose red tape and paperwork requirements and championing Medicaid block grants, the Trump administration has worked tirelessly to dismantle Medicaid. After Arkansas imposed the nation's first so-called work requirements program, more than 18,000 residents lost Medicaid coverage. While these state efforts have been blocked by a federal judge several times, the Trump administration keeps fighting to impose work reporting requirements in

Medicaid, appealing federal court rulings that blocked such requirements because they are illegal. Meanwhile, a recent GAO report found that the administrative costs to implement the failed work requirement programs in five states topped $400 million. Ahead of the pandemic, the Trump administration finalized its block grant proposal, which would dramatically reduce the Medicaid budget. Importantly, under Trump's block grants, federal funding would no longer necessarily increase in response to a public health emergency like coronavirus. This could lead to people losing coverage and access to care, undermining prevention and treatment of diseases nationwide. Roughly 3.8 million Floridians rely on Medicaid for coverage, including more than 2.5 million children. By not fully expanding Medicaid under the ACA, Florida has prevented at least 1,596,000 residents from gaining coverage.

6. **Even Before The Pandemic, Millions Lost Coverage Under Trump.** Census data revealed the uninsured rate rose for the first time since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The rate increased from 7.9% in 2017 to 8.5% in 2018, or by approximately 2 million people. More than one million children lost Medicaid coverage between 2017 and 2019. Health care experts have pointed to a "chilling effect" from Trump-backed policies, including Medicaid work requirements.

7. **After Repeatedly Proposing Budgets That Would Have Slashed Funding For Medicare And Medicare, Trump Is Still Eyeing Steep Cuts.** Donald Trump's proposed federal budget in 2019 would cut funding for Medicare by more than $800 billion and repeal the ACA. Additionally, the budget would cut $1.5 trillion from Medicaid, which would result in millions of people losing health coverage, cuts to nursing home care, and cuts to care for children with severe disabilities. Most recently, Trump's 2021 budget would reduce Medicare spending by $500 billion, in addition to more than $1 trillion in cuts to the ACA and Medicaid. In January, Trump made it clear he remained open to slashing benefits for vital programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security during an interview with CNBC at the World Economic Forum.

8. **The Trump Tax Scam Gave Hundreds Of Billions To Drug And Insurance Companies With Soaring Profits While Further Eroding Access To Health Care.** Trump signed into law a tax bill that, among other things, repealed a key provision of the Affordable Care Act that required most people to have health coverage and which is the basis of the Trump-Republican lawsuit seeking to overturn the Affordable Care Act. Additionally, the repeal of the individual mandate contributed to thousands of dollars in increased premiums on the individual market in 2019.

9. **Health Care Costs Have Skyrocketed Under Trump.** Under Donald Trump, health insurance costs have risen faster than people's wages–to more than $20,000 per year for the average family, making it harder and harder for many Americans to get ahead.

10. **Trump's Policies Promote Discrimination Against Women, People Of Color And LGBTQ Americans.** Since taking office, the Trump administration has taken multiple steps to make it harder for women, people of color, and LGBTQ Americans to access health care. For example, in August 2019, the Trump administration begins enforcing a rule that bars certain federally-funded clinics from referring women for abortions. As a result, the nation's largest recipient of Title X funds, Planned Parenthood, was forced to exit the program, losing $60 million in funding previously used to provide birth control and reproductive health care services for low-income women. Moreover, experts point to Trump's immigration policies for having

deterred many Latino families from getting coverage, resulting in steep coverage losses, especially for children. Trump has also tried to make it easier for [transgender Americans to be discriminated](#) against in health care settings and allow providers' to [refuse patient care](#) on the basis of the provider's personal beliefs, a move likely to undermine access to care for patients who already face health care disparities.