

President Biden Has Delivered On Health Care

More Americans Have Affordable, Quality Coverage Than Ever Before

President Biden and Democrats in Congress have made incredible strides to improve health care for the American people during the pandemic and beyond. Today, a record number of Americans have affordable, quality health coverage, more than one in four are covered by Medicaid or CHIP, 77 percent of eligible individuals have received a COVID-19 vaccine, nearly every school-aged child is back in the classroom, and our economy has added nearly eight million jobs. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provided the funding that made these triumphs possible, bolstering a strong economic recovery, paving a pathway to affordable health coverage, creating a strong vaccination program from nothing, bringing children safely back into the classroom, and allowing American workers to get back to their jobs and provide for their families.

This work speaks for itself. President Biden has implemented tangible, successful solutions to keep Americans healthy and safe. Under his leadership, America has made incredible strides in the fight to ensure health care is a right, not a privilege for every American.

How President Biden Has Strengthened Health Care

- [14.5 million](#) Americans now covered under an ACA plan
- [5.8 million](#) Americans *newly* signed up for ACA Marketplace coverage
- [15.1 million](#) Americans *newly* enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP
- [85 million](#) Americans now have health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP
- [255 million](#) people have received at least one COVID-19 shot
- [98 million](#) people have received a booster shot

President Biden Has Expanded Affordable Health Coverage

Millions Of Americans Enrolled In Affordable Coverage. A record [14.5 million](#) Americans now receive their health insurance through an Affordable Care Act Marketplace. More than [5.8 million](#) Americans newly gained coverage through the Marketplace in 2021, including [2.8 million](#) Americans who enrolled during the Special Enrollment Period (SEP).

Cutting Health Care Costs And Expanding Access To Lifesaving Coverage. The American Rescue Plan has [reduced or eliminated](#) Marketplace premiums for millions across the country. Under the plan, [3.6 million](#) uninsured Americans became eligible for health coverage tax credits and 1.7 million individuals were able to access coverage with zero dollar premiums.

Saving American Families Thousands On Premiums. Premium savings under the American Rescue Plan benefit millions of Americans, with families now saving an average of [\\$2,400](#) a year on their health insurance premiums. For example, a family of four with an annual income of

\$60,000 saw their monthly premiums drop from \$379, to just \$158, saving more than [\\$220](#) each month.

President Biden Is Working To Close The Family Glitch. The family glitch is estimated to impact more than [five million](#) Americans and occurs as workers add dependents onto their health coverage, premiums rise, and the total cost of health coverage is pushed far beyond the percentage of income stipulated by the ACA. Despite this increase, workers are still not eligible to receive premium subsidies through a Marketplace plan. A Health Affairs study estimated Americans in the family glitch pay an average of [15.8 percent](#) of their income towards health premiums, nearly double what is permitted under the ACA. President Biden has [proposed a rule](#) that would eliminate the family glitch and allow families to purchase affordable coverage on the Marketplace with premium tax credits. Under this rule, 200,000 uninsured Americans would gain coverage and many families would [save hundreds](#) of dollars each much on health premiums.

Implemented A Ban On Surprise Billing. The [No Surprises Act](#) went into effect January 1, 2022 and prohibits surprise medical bills for out-of-network care that occurs in unexpected or emergency situations. The Biden Administration is committed to protecting patients and holding insurers and providers accountable for deceptive billing practices.

President Biden Has Expanded Access To Medicaid

One In Four Americans Are Now Covered By Medicaid & CHIP. Between February 2020 and November 2021, [15.1 million](#) Americans enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, bringing the total number of enrollees to an all time high of more than [85 million](#). Reporting on the increase, The New York Times stated, “The spike in enrollment demonstrates Medicaid’s increasingly important role not just as a safety net, but also as a [pillar of the American health system](#).” President Biden understands the critical roles Medicaid and CHIP play in American health care, which is why he has been a fierce advocate for the expansion and strengthening of Medicaid.

Revoking Harmful Work Requirements. President Biden understands that health care is a right, not a privilege. In 2021, he kept his promise to [roll back discriminatory Medicaid work requirements](#) that create unnecessary obstacles for low-income individuals seeking access to affordable, quality health coverage. The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services have repeatedly stated that the [vast majority of Medicaid beneficiaries are employed](#), ill, or disabled. The Biden Administration’s quick action put a permanent stop to these requirements in states that received waivers under the previous administration.

Improving Maternal Health Access. The American Rescue Plan created a pathway to coverage for pregnant Americans, allowing states to extend [postpartum coverage](#) under Medicaid from 60 days to 12 months following pregnancy. The United States has the highest rate of maternal mortality in the industrialized world, with [12 percent](#) of maternal deaths occurring between six weeks and one year following delivery, after Medicaid coverage has ended. These numbers

demonstrate the immense need for continuous health coverage for a minimum of one year following the birth of a child.

President Biden Has Lead On The Pandemic Response And Saved Lives

Shots in Arms. [77 percent](#) of Americans have received at least one dose of a vaccine, and over 60 percent are fully vaccinated. Over [98 million booster doses](#) have been administered, providing the best protection against the Omicron variants. Vaccines are our best tool to prevent severe sickness and death from all variants of Covid-19 and [prevented 1.1 million deaths](#) and 10.3 million additional Covid hospitalizations as of November 2021.

Schools Open. Thanks to the efforts of the Biden administration to provide safe and effective vaccines for students, and funding for masks and ventilation in schools, [nearly 100 percent of American students](#) were back in the classroom full time in December 2021, up from under three-quarters at the end of the previous year.

Workers Back To Work. The Biden administration has presided over the largest one year drop in the unemployment rate in U.S. history, and the creation of nearly [7.9 million jobs](#), the most of any first year president in history. Thanks to the American Rescue Plan and the success of the vaccination program, workers are able to return to work with greater confidence.