Republicans Follow Through on Their Plan to Hike Costs and Strip Hawaii Residents of Their Health Care

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in Hawaii. Since taking power, Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans have launched an all-out assault on our health care system. From slashing Medicaid to driving rural hospitals off a cliff to ending health care tax credits, they have created a disaster for working families and only helped billionaires get richer. Now Hawaii residents who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in Hawaii will increase by an average of 148 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working Hawaii residents at a time when too many are struggling to make ends meet. It's time for Republicans to fix the mess they created. Every day they stall, more Hawaii residents are forced to choose between keeping a roof over their head, food on the table, or life-saving coverage. The choice is clear: side with billionaires and big corporations and let the crisis get worse, or finally stand with hard-working Hawaii Residents.

By the Numbers

There are 24,545 Hawaii residents on the state ACA <u>marketplace</u> who will be forced to pay \$714 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 42,000 Hawaii residents will <u>lose their health care</u> coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in Hawaii making \$62,000 will see their average annual premium costs <u>rise by</u> \$622 to hit \$6,684 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in Hawaii making \$82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$17,117 to hit \$25,127 annually.

A family of four in Hawaii making \$126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$6,594 to hit \$18,915 annually.

Hospitals and clinics across Hawaii are already struggling to stay open after Republicans passed the largest health care cuts in history. Now, thanks to Republicans gutting the premium tax credits and hiking Hawaii residents' premiums, providers in Hawaii will lose an additional \$23 million in funding.