

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

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in Illinois. 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 Illinoisans who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in Illinois will [increase](#) by an average of 131 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working Illinoisans 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 Illinoisans 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 Illinoisans.

By the Numbers

There are 393,840 Illinoisans on the state ACA [marketplace](#) who will be forced to pay \$727 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 520,000 Illinoisans will [lose their health care](#) coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in Illinois making \$62,000 will see their average annual premium costs [rise by](#) \$1,157 to hit \$6,427 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in Illinois making \$82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$17,188 to hit \$24,158 annually.

A family of four in Illinois making \$126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$7,476 to hit \$18,186 annually.

Hospitals and clinics across Illinois 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 Illinoisans' premiums, providers in Illinois [will lose](#) an additional \$372 million in funding.