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

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in Kentucky. 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 Kentuckians who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in Kentucky will increase by an average of 111 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working Kentuckians 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 Kentuckians 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 Kentuckians.

By the Numbers

There are 97,374 Kentuckians on the state ACA marketplace who will be forced to pay $684 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 220,000 Kentuckians will lose their health care coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in Kentucky making $62,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by $723 to hit $5,993 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in Kentucky making $82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by $15,557 to hit $22,527 annually.

A family of four in Kentucky making $126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by $6,248 to hit $16,958 annually.

Hospitals and clinics across Kentucky 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 Kentuckians' premiums, providers in Kentucky will lose an additional $56 million in funding.