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

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in Maine. 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 Mainers who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in Maine will increase by an average of 81 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working Mainers 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 Mainers 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 Mainers.

By the Numbers

There are 64,678 Mainers on the state ACA <u>marketplace</u> who will be forced to pay \$886 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 33,000 Mainers will <u>lose their health care</u> coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in Maine making \$62,000 will see their average annual premium costs <u>rise by</u> \$2,133 to hit \$7,403 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in Maine making \$82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$20,858 to hit \$27,828 annually.

A family of four in Maine making \$126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$10,238 to hit \$20,948 annually.

Hospitals and clinics across Maine 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 Mainers' premiums, providers in Maine will lose an additional \$38 million in funding.