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

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in Maryland. 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 Marylanders who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in Maryland will increase by an average of 154 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working Marylanders 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 Marylanders 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 Marylanders.

## By the Numbers

There are 299,126 Marylanders on the state ACA <u>marketplace</u> who will be forced to pay \$929 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 210,000 Marylanders will <u>lose their health care</u> coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in Maryland making \$62,000 will see their average annual premium costs <u>hit</u> \$4,949 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in Maryland making \$82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$11,633 to hit \$18,603 annually.

A family of four in Maryland making \$126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$3,294 to hit \$14,004 annually.

Hospitals and clinics across Maryland 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 Marylanders' premiums, providers in Maryland will lose an additional \$113 million in funding.