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

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in Massachusetts. 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 Bay Staters who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in Massachusetts will increase by an average of 44 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working Bay Staters 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 Bay Staters 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 Bay Staters.

By the Numbers

There are 389,149 Bay Staters on the state ACA <u>marketplace</u> who will be forced to pay \$405 more each year on average for their health insurance.

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

A 45-year-old in Massachusetts making \$62,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$548 to hit \$5,818 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in Massachusetts making \$82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$11,244 to hit \$18,214 annually.

A family of four in Massachusetts making \$126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$5,802 to hit \$16,512 annually.