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

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in Montana. 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 Montanans who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in Montana will increase by an average of 175 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working Montanans 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 Montanans 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 Montanans.

By the Numbers

There are 79,996 Montanans on the state ACA <u>marketplace</u> who will be forced to pay \$826 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 50,000 Montanans will <u>lose their health care</u> coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in Montana making \$62,000 will see their average annual premium costs <u>rise by</u> \$2,242 to hit \$7,512 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in Montana making \$82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$21,266 to hit \$28,236 annually.

A family of four in Montana making \$126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$10,545 to hit \$21,255 annually.

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