

## **Republicans Follow Through on Their Plan to Hike Costs and Strip Rhode Islanders of Their Health Care**

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in Rhode Island. 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 Rhode Islanders who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in Rhode Island will [increase](#) by an average of 143 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working Rhode Islanders 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 Rhode Islanders 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 Rhode Islanders.

### **By the Numbers**

There are 42,112 Rhode Islanders on the state ACA [marketplace](#) who will be forced to pay \$770 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 42,000 Rhode Islanders will [lose their health care](#) coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in Rhode Island making \$62,000 will see their average annual premium costs [rise by](#) \$492 to hit \$5,762 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in Rhode Island making \$82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$14,691 to hit \$21,661 annually.

A family of four in Rhode Island making \$126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$5,596 to hit \$16,306 annually.