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

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in South Dakota. 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 South Dakotans who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in South Dakota will increase by an average of 235 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working South Dakotans 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 South Dakotans 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 South Dakotans.

## By the Numbers

There are 54,716 South Dakotans on the state ACA marketplace who will be forced to pay $682 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 20,000 South Dakotans will lose their health care coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in South Dakota making $62,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by $3,123 to hit $8,393 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in South Dakota making $82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by $24,579 to hit $31,549 annually.

A family of four in South Dakota making $126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by $13,039 to hit $23,749 annually.

Hospitals and clinics across South Dakota 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 South Dakotans' premiums, providers in South Dakota will lose an additional $68 million in funding.