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

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in Vermont. 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 Vermonters who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in Vermont will increase by an average of 61 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working Vermonters 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 Vermonters 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 Vermonters.

## By the Numbers

There are 32,858 Vermonters on the state ACA <u>marketplace</u> who will be forced to pay \$476 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 18,000 Vermonters will <u>lose their health care</u> coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in Vermont making \$62,000 will see their average annual premium costs <u>rise by</u> \$10,054 to hit \$15,324 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in Vermont making \$82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$23,678 to hit \$30,648 annually.

A family of four in Vermont making \$126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$32,350 to hit \$43,060 annually.

Hospitals and clinics across Vermont 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 Vermonters' premiums, providers in Vermont will lose an additional \$47 million in funding.