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

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in West Virginia. 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 West Virginians who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in West Virginia will increase by an average of 387 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working West Virginians 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 West Virginians 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 West Virginians.

By the Numbers

There are 69,979 West Virginians on the state ACA <u>marketplace</u> who will be forced to pay \$410 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 75,000 West Virginians will <u>lose their health care</u> coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in West Virginia making \$62,000 will see their average annual premium costs <u>rise</u> by \$7,190 to hit \$12,460 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in West Virginia making \$82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$39,869 to hit \$46,839 annually.

A family of four in West Virginia making \$126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$24,549 to hit \$35,259 annually.

Hospitals and clinics across West Virginia 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 West Virginians' premiums, providers in West Virginia will lose an additional \$312 million in funding.