

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

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in Arkansas. 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 Arkansans who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in Arkansas will [increase](#) by an average of 144 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working Arkansans 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 Arkansans 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 Arkansans.

### **By the Numbers**

There are 166,639 Arkansans on the state ACA [marketplace](#) who will be forced to pay \$848 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 140,000 Arkansans will [lose their health care](#) coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in Arkansas making \$62,000 will see their average annual premium costs [rise by](#) \$5,054 to hit \$10,494 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in Arkansas making \$82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$32,224 to hit \$39,449 annually.

A family of four in Arkansas making \$126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$18,645 to hit \$29,695 annually.

Hospitals and clinics across Arkansas 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 Arkansans' premiums, providers in Arkansas [will lose](#) an additional \$144 million in funding.