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

Across the country, health care is in crisis, including in Kansas. 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 Kansans who buy insurance on their own will see their premium costs skyrocket. Beginning in 2026, Republicans have made sure that premiums in Kansas will <u>increase</u> by an average of 181 percent more every single year. This will exacerbate the uninsured rate and raise costs for hard-working Kansans 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 Kansans 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 Kansans.

By the Numbers

There are 200,046 Kansans on the state ACA <u>marketplace</u> who will be forced to pay \$586 more each year on average for their health insurance.

Around 63,000 Kansans will <u>lose their health care</u> coverage entirely thanks to Republican premium increases and the Big, Ugly bill.

A 45-year-old in Kansas making \$62,000 will see their average annual premium costs <u>rise by</u> \$3,644 to hit \$9,084 annually.

A 60-year-old couple in Kansas making \$82,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$26,923 to hit \$34,148 annually.

A family of four in Kansas making \$126,000 will see their average annual premium costs rise by \$14,655 to hit \$25,705 annually.

Hospitals and clinics across Kansas 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 Kansans' premiums, providers in Kansas <u>will lose</u> an additional \$418 million in funding.