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Donald Trump will try to defend his dismal record during his State of the Union address on Tuesday, but the American people have already dealt him a failing grade when it comes to his handling of health care. Poll after poll shows that [voters are fed up](#) with Trump's decision to jack up health care costs and rip away coverage from millions of hard-working families. No amount of showboating from the lectern on Tuesday will distract Americans from the realities they face every day under the Trump-GOP war on health care: Trump ripped health care away from [15 million](#) Americans, gutted over [\\$1 trillion](#) from Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA), shuttered local hospitals, hiked prescription costs, and skyrocketed health care premiums. While Trump has utterly failed to reduce costs for working families, there is one area in which he excels: giving handouts to big corporations and his billionaire friends.

Trump promised to lower costs, but now health care is more expensive than ever. [Multiple polls](#) show that Americans worry more about affording health care than all other expenses, including rent and groceries. Polls show that he's failed to tackle Americans' top affordability concerns — [57 percent](#) of Americans say Trump is focused on the wrong issues, [57 percent](#) say Trump has raised their cost of living, and [71 percent](#) are very concerned about the cost of health care. Yet, President Trump has shown America he can only commit to one thing: putting billionaires and big corporations ahead of working families.

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Trump's Grades Are In:

- **Padding corporate profits: A+**
 - Wall Street is thriving after Trump [lined their pockets](#) with [tax breaks](#) and [giveaways](#) and forced [everyday Americans](#) and [Main Street](#) to pay the price.
 - Billionaires became [\\$1.5 trillion richer](#) in 2025 while Americans' [savings went down](#).
- **Lowering the cost of health care: F**
 - [55 percent](#) of Americans say their health care costs have gone up in the past year.
 - Premiums increased by an average of:
 - [114 percent](#) for 22 million Americans who buy insurance on their own
 - [10 percent](#) for the 60 million seniors who rely on Medicare
 - [11 percent](#) for the 10 million Americans who rely on small group insurance
 - [9 percent](#) for the 160 million Americans with employer-based coverage
 - Americans are also getting hit with [higher deductibles](#), [higher out-of-pocket limits](#), [higher drug costs](#), and [higher copays](#) under Trump.
- **Improving rural health care: F**
 - [750+ hospitals and clinics nationwide](#) face cuts or closure in the wake of GOP cuts.
 - Trump cut over [\\$130 billion](#) from rural health to pay for tax breaks for corporations — a staggering amount his [pity fund doesn't even begin to make up for](#).
- **Lowering prescription drug prices: F**
 - The prices of [688 drugs](#) have increased an average of 5.5 percent since Trump took office.
 - Trump's latest publicity stunt, TrumpRx, rips Americans off by [charging them higher prices](#) than they would pay through their insurance or for a low-cost generic.
- **Cutting waste, fraud, and abuse: F**
 - Trump has personally pocketed over [\\$4 billion](#) from the presidency, pardoned dozens of his [rich friends](#) and fraudsters of financial crimes, and done nothing to crack down on the [corporate greed](#) fueling waste, fraud, and abuse.
- **Selling out working families: A+**
 - Trump has ripped away health care from [15 million Americans](#) to [bankroll tax breaks](#) for his corporate donors.
 - Trump has forced middle class families to pay over [\\$20 billion](#) in higher health care costs in 2026 while giving CEOs and yacht owners [\\$120 billion](#) in additional tax breaks in 2026.

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Trump Hikes the Cost of Health Care and Pushes Families Into Medical Debt, Fails to Lower Costs

The Trump administration has skyrocketed premiums, raised out-of-pocket costs, and put health care out of reach for millions. Trump forced millions of Americans to pay more for health care in every dimension: premiums, deductibles, co-pays, drug costs, and out-of-pocket costs. Trump signed legislation that will kick [15 million Americans](#) off their health care, bury them in [out-of-pocket costs](#), and drown them in [medical debt](#). He eliminated the working families' health care tax credits, [doubling and tripling premiums](#) for over [20 million](#) Americans who purchase insurance on their own. He made the largest cuts to health care in history and [skyrocketed the burden of uncompensated care](#), which will likely [shift billions of dollars in additional costs](#) to people with employer-based health insurance. He gutted over [\\$1 trillion](#) from Medicaid and the ACA, [shuttering hospitals](#) and raising prices by an average of [\\$500](#) per hospital stay at nearby facilities that remain open. He instituted ill-advised tariffs that are skyrocketing the cost of premiums and [medical devices](#). He imposed a sick tax on over [20 million](#) low-income people who rely on Medicaid, hitting them with an average of [\\$1,650](#) in new bills each year. He forced over [1.3 million low-income seniors](#) to pay [thousands](#) more each year in premiums and out-of-pocket costs. He hiked the [cost of seniors' prescription drug coverage](#). He pushed families losing their high-quality, affordable coverage towards high-deductible plans that [skyrocket their out-of-pocket costs](#) due to the Big, Ugly bill. He handed Big Pharma a [multibillion-dollar giveaway](#), allowing them to charge seniors whatever they want for more drugs, including [blockbuster cancer drugs](#). He stopped seniors from being able to purchase [popular generic drugs for only \\$2](#). His policies will drive an estimated [5 million Americans](#) into medical debt and since he overturned a Biden-era regulation, their credit scores will be affected. Trump promised to lower the cost of living, but his policies are doing the opposite.

Trump Rips Health Care Away From Working Families to Give Handouts to Corporations, Earns A+ in Padding Corporate Profits

Donald Trump signed legislation making the largest cuts to health care in history. After lining the pockets of his corporate donors and ripping away health care from [15 million Americans](#), he [declared](#), "We've gotten everything passed that we need for four years." Now, Wall Street is thriving and celebrating while working Americans sit at their kitchen tables languishing over medical bills and skyrocketing premium costs, trying to figure out how they'll feed their kids and take care of their parents. Corporations are celebrating the [\\$730 billion](#) in tax breaks they received in Trump's Big Ugly Bill and billionaires became [\\$1.5 trillion richer](#) in 2025 while most Americans' [savings went down](#). In 2025, big tech companies raked in [\\$315 billion](#) in profits and paid only [4.9 percent](#) of that in taxes. Five of the biggest drugmakers have paid [zero dollars in federal taxes](#) since 2018, courtesy of a Trump loophole extended by his recent tax bill. Trump gave Big Pharma a [\\$9 billion bonus](#) in the Big, Ugly bill, preventing Medicare from negotiating the prices of some of the most expensive and commonly prescribed lifesaving drugs on the market. Drugmakers [celebrated](#) the fact that their top-selling products are exempt from negotiations on calls with shareholders, and Trump's sham drug pricing deals gave many a huge boost by [exempting](#) them from tariffs and future drug pricing efforts. Johnson

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and Johnson even predicted they expect to break health care industry records for revenue next year, anticipating over [\\$100 billion](#) in sales. If that wasn't enough, Trump handed Big Pharma [another new tax loophole](#) last week to write off more expenses with. Trump ensures his wealthy friends are swimming in benefits while middle class Americans are left in the dust, struggling to put food on the table and [draining](#) their life savings to afford health care.

Trump Unleashes Unmitigated Disaster on Rural Hospitals and Clinics, Fails to Improve Rural Health Care

Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress have made the largest health care cuts in history: [shuttering](#) hospitals, [closing](#) emergency rooms, and [devastating](#) maternity wards — all to give tax breaks to billionaires and corporations. He has created an unmitigated disaster for rural health care. Over [750 hospitals and clinics](#) across the country are facing cuts or closure, including over [330 rural hospitals](#). Rural health care providers are facing over [\\$130 billion](#) in cuts and the Trump administration dictated that no more than [15 percent](#) of the \$50 billion pity rural health fund can be used to help rural health providers stay afloat. Rural hospitals across the country face [closures, service cuts, layoffs, and a growing strain on their budget](#). Entire communities are finding themselves without nearby care. Patients are driving hours for basic doctor visits and prescriptions. Local economies are suffering as health care jobs vanish. Ambulance transport times are increasing to levels that make a [life-or-death difference](#) for patients having a stroke, heart attack, or internal bleeding. The consequences of the GOP's Big, Ugly bill are already happening and will only get worse as [deeper cuts to hospitals](#) take effect in 2027 and 2028, and the GOP's pity fund will fail to stop the bleeding.

Trump Cuts Backroom Deals to Pad Big Drug Companies' Profits, Fails to Lower Drug Prices for the American People

Donald Trump spent the past year putting drugmakers above the American people at every opportunity. Before he was even sworn-in for his second term, Trump courted top drug companies and their allies, taking millions from Big Pharma to fill his Inaugural Committee slush fund. He took \$1 million apiece from [Pfizer](#), [Johnson & Johnson](#), [Merck](#), [Bayer](#), [Gilead](#), [PhRMA](#), and [the National Association of Manufacturers](#). He [entertained](#) drug company CEOs at his Mar-a-Lago resort, [solicited](#) millions in donations, and then showered Big Pharma with rewards for their support. He helped big drug companies [evade billions](#) in taxes, escape tariffs, and handed Big Pharma their biggest victory in years by signing an [\\$9 billion](#) bailout designed to stop seniors from seeing savings on top-selling products such as lifesaving cancer drugs [Keytruda](#) and [Opdivo](#). His TrumpRx deals benefit big drug companies instead of working Americans. Big drug companies get huge tax breaks, get to evade tariffs, and get to be exempted from future drug pricing efforts, while the vast majority of Americans [don't save a single penny](#). The results are paying off for big drug companies as they are reporting eye-popping profits while working families struggle to afford the medications that keep them alive. The ten largest drug companies made over [\\$130 billion](#) in earnings in 2025, while

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families across America rationed doses, skipped refills, and dove deeper into their savings to afford prescriptions. The prices of [688 drugs](#) increased an average of 5.5 percent since Trump took office.

Trump Commands the Most Corrupt Administration in History, Fails to Tackle the Corporate Greed Driving Waste, Fraud, and Abuse

Donald Trump is the [most corrupt President](#) in modern American history. Trump and his GOP allies claim to care about fraud, but Trump has [consistently](#) abused his power to pardon the corporate fraudsters driving health care fraud while families have their health care needlessly ripped away. In just the first few months of his second term, Trump pardoned several notorious health care fraudsters who [cost the federal government hundreds of millions of dollars](#). In April 2025, Trump pardoned a business owner who was [convicted](#) of stealing \$10 million in taxes at his health care companies — after his mother [attended a \\$1 million-per-person fundraiser](#) at Mar-a-Lago. In May 2025, Trump [commuted](#) the sentence of a Florida health care executive who was [convicted](#) of orchestrating what was the [largest therapy-related Medicare fraud scheme](#) in history at the time. He stole \$205 million from Medicare and was sentenced to 50 years in prison. In November, Trump pardoned two more health care fraudsters, one [directly convicted of health care fraud](#), and the other a [former owner of a collapsed nursing home chain](#) who committed Medicaid fraud and [stole](#) \$38 million in taxes. Trump's cuts to health care have never been about stopping fraud or reforming health care — it was about ransacking Medicaid and eliminating health care tax credits to pay for tax breaks for billionaires and big corporations. GOP cuts take away health care from those who can least afford it and increase health care costs for all of us.

Trump Puts Health Care Out of Reach of Working Families, Earns An A+ In Selling Them Out

Donald Trump sold out working Americans to [bankroll](#) his tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans and the biggest corporations in the country. The very voters he [promised](#) to represent are among the most impacted by his health care cuts. Trump cut over [\\$1 trillion](#) from Medicaid and the ACA — which will have an outsized impact on the states that voted for him in 2024. More than [3 in 4 Americans](#) who rely on the ACA live in states won by Trump in 2024. States such as [Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and Ohio](#) saw the greatest declines in enrollment this January after he gutted the ACA tax credits. Middle class families will be forced to pay [\\$20 billion](#) in higher health care costs in 2026 due to Trump's ACA cuts, while CEOs and yacht owners pocket [\\$120 billion](#) in additional tax breaks in 2026. More than 1 in 4 people in [Louisiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Arkansas](#) rely on Medicaid. Thanks to Trump's cuts, Medicaid expansion is [“off the table completely”](#) in Alabama, meaning nearly [200,000](#) additional Alabamians making as little as [\\$2,800](#) a year will be forced to go without health care and rural hospitals in Alabama will be [62 percent](#) more likely to close. In Arizona, “families fear financial ruin, homelessness, as new [disability care restrictions loom](#)” thanks to GOP cuts. Trump has thrown working families across the country under the bus to enrich his corporate donors.

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Here Are A Few of the Millions of Families Trump Sold Out to Fulfill His Promises to Corporate Donors



Photo Taken From MS Now

In **Waverly, Pennsylvania**, Liz Krug and her husband's premiums skyrocketed from eight percent to fifty percent of their annual income. Now, they're faced with the gut-wrenching decision to leave the farming industry and the business they grew from the ground up with blood, sweat, and tears.

“We don't have a corporate job,’ **Liz Krug**, the owner of [Endless Roots Farm](#) in Waverly, Pennsylvania, **told MS NOW**. ‘Both my husband and I work full time on the farm. This is how we make our income, and the ACA tax credits made that possible.’” [\[MS NOW\]](#)

In **Colorado Springs, Colorado**, Susan Root works 16-hour days caring for her daughter, Amy, who is paralyzed and has complex medical needs. But because Trump gutted Medicaid, parents like Susan will now lose critical income that keeps their families afloat, forcing them to make impossible decisions between their rent, groceries, and caring for their loved ones.

“I do it full time, whether I get paid or I don't get paid,’ **Root said**, ‘because (Amy) has to have care.’” [\[The Denver Post\]](#)



Photo Taken From The Denver Post



and so it was a struggle

DEANNA FLOREZ
PATIENT

Photo Taken From WYFF44

In rural **Lavonia, Georgia**, Deanna Florez is afraid for the state of maternal care in her community as Trump's Medicaid cuts shut down their local labor and delivery unit. Now, mothers like Deanna in Franklin County and its surrounding areas are forced to travel [45 minutes to an hour and a half](#) for maternal care, putting their lives and those of their babies at risk.

“When I had my son, I had seizures. And so, it was a struggle trying to get trying to drive back and forth. But yeah, that is going to be really difficult for a lot of women here,’ **Florez said**.” [\[WYFF44\]](#)

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