



# SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON HEALTH CARE

*“Democrats are lying about pre-existing conditions to distract from their plan to strip health care from 158 million Americans and have a socialist system with no choice or voice for patients. Republicans are focused on lowering costs and offering more choices to make America’s health care system work better.”*

## WHAT THE ACA DID:

### Uninsured Americans

- Left behind 29 million Americans who are still uninsured.

### Increased Premiums

- Premiums doubled from the year before Obamacare was implemented through the last year President Obama oversaw the law—almost a \$3,000 increase in annual average premiums.

### Failed People with Preexisting Conditions

- People with preexisting conditions on the exchanges who don't get subsidies saw their premiums double just like everyone else.
- What has Obamacare done for Americans who have preexisting conditions but still can't afford the law's sky-high premiums?

### Subsidized care on the backs of taxpayers

- The exchanges are only being kept alive by government subsidies: 9 out of 10 people on Obamacare plans receive government subsidies.

## WHAT REPUBLICANS ARE FOR:

### Protecting Every American with Pre-existing Conditions

- On day one of this Congress, House Republicans acted to protect Americans with pre-existing conditions. House Democrats blocked that effort.
- The Republican motion would have produced a bill that:
  - guaranteed no American citizen can be denied health insurance coverage as the result of a previous illness or health status; and
  - guaranteed no American citizen can be charged higher premiums or cost sharing as the result of a previous illness or health status, thus ensuring affordable health coverage for those with pre-existing conditions.
- Additionally, Republicans have long supported many common-sense consumer protections, including ending lifetime and annual limits on coverage, banning unjust cancellations of insurance coverage and allowing kids to stay on their parents' plan until they are 26.





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## **Affordable Health Care Choices that fit your Needs**

- *Americans deserve access to more, affordable, health care choices.*
- *Republicans have worked hard to expand options, including by passing bills to expand health care choices for veterans, and to ensure a patients' Right To Try experimental therapies.*
- *Our economy is roaring, over 2.5 million hard-working Americans have gained coverage in employer health insurance plans since President Trump took office. This is good news.*

## **Real Solutions to Lower Health Care Cost**

- *Lowering Drug Prices*
- *Ending Surprise Billing*
- *Reducing Premiums*
- *Cutting Out-of-Pocket Costs*
- *Providing Tax Relief*

## **WHAT DEMOCRATS ARE FOR:**

### **Government-run healthcare**

- *Medicare for All is nothing more than one-size-fits-all government-run, single-payer health care for all.*

### **Bankrupting the nation**

- *Medicare for all will cost at least \$32 trillion. House Democrats have a more aggressive bill than what Bernie Sanders has proposed, which was estimated to cost \$32 trillion dollars.*

### **"If you like your plan...too bad"**

- *Forces 158 million Americans off their employer or union sponsored health care, twice as fast as Bernie Sanders' bill.*

### **Lack of access for seniors**

- *Ends popular Medicare Advantage plans, which many seniors prefer as they deliver higher quality care at a better price than traditional Medicare.*

## **WHAT PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS DONE:**

### **Reduced premiums**

- *Helped give states flexibility and tools that some states have used to cut premiums by as much as 30 percent in the last year.*

### **Cut Taxes**

- *Did away with the individual mandate tax: 4.9 million Americans paid the tax for the right to not buy insurance in 2016, with 76% of them making less than \$50,000 a year.*

### **Increased options**

- *Created new affordable, short-term insurance options with premiums 50 to 70 percent lower than Obamacare plans.*

### **Improved access**

- *Created new plans for small businesses that give their employees more affordable access to the same kind of benefits large employers get.*

