



CBO Says Trump Care Would Push 24 Million Off Health Coverage. It Raises Costs for the Elderly and Give Big Tax Breaks to the Wealthy

It also would Defund Planned Parenthood

Rep. Paul Ryan Selling the "American Health Care Act"



Elderly, persons with disabilities, nurses, doctors, hospitals, conservatives, liberals and people of faith aren't buying it.

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Tell him/her to VOTE NO on Trump Care!

BACKGROUND

Many faith based organizations, including the Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN), were part of a campaign to advocate for passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2010. A major goal of the ACA was to make sure more Americans obtained health coverage. Since 2010, the ACA extended health coverage to an additional 20-22 million people. The ACA helped define access to health care as more than a commodity to be sold for a profit, but as a public good. However, this Monday, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report projected that the Trump Care plan, in 10 years, would increase the number of people who are uninsured by 24 million. This is a cruel, destructive bill.

Originally, President Trump, promised that his "repeal and replacement" of the ACA would provide "insurance for everybody". Later he changed his story to say that the GOP plan, "would offer more people the option to get health care". The CBO report severely challenges both those claims.

GOP leaders and Trump aides have been hoping to push this legislation through the House next week and through the Senate the week after that.

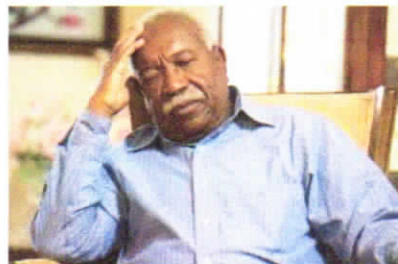
SIX more reasons to urge your Representative to vote NO:



1. MEDICAID CUTS - 10 million people on MEDICARE rely on Medicaid to cover vital long-term home health care and nursing home services. Trump Care would put a cap on how much federal funds would be available to states for Medicaid services. This will result in cuts in services and more health care costs for older people and their families. Medicaid is a major health care safety net for low-income working families.

2. PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS - People with pre-existing conditions would continue to have "access" to health care. However, states could create "high risk" pools with higher premium costs. At what point do people no longer have access to health care when they're priced out of the market?

3. MORE OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES - The GOP bill eliminates the ACA's cost-sharing subsidies for low-to-moderate income people, but allows people to make tax sheltered contributions to "health savings accounts" to cover co-pays and deductibles. However, the poor aren't likely to have money to invest in these accounts or to benefit from tax deductions. If a person drops insurance for short period of time, they will be penalized by having to pay insurance companies premiums that are 30% higher for a year.



4. AN "AGE TAX" - Trump Care bills would impose an "age tax" on premiums for private health plans by allowing insurers to charge older enrollees up to

five times the premium rates of young adults compared to the ACA's current limit of three times young adult premium rates.

5. **DE-FUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD** - Trump Care would defund Planned Parenthood, a move sure to reduce parents' access to health care they need to care for themselves and their children.

6. **TAX WINDFALL FOR THE RICH** - Trump Care creates a tax windfall for the wealthiest Americans at Medicare's expense. The law repeals a modest tax increase on the highest earners that helped put Medicare on a stronger financial footing.

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