

Broken Promises: Health Care Costs

Trump's Big Giveaway to Big Insurance

The Promise:

Donald Trump promised to “lower health care prices for all Americans and truly make health care affordable again.” Instead, his health care agenda drove up insurance premiums for nearly every American, ripped health coverage away from millions, and empowered Big Insurance to double down on their worst, profit-driven abuses that leave families feeling helpless and angry about their health care as they pay more for less.

Trump continues to tout his half-baked concept of a plan that amounts to making health insurance as Americans know it worthless and forcing families to bargain directly with giant, profit-hungry corporations.

Donald Trump broke his promise.

In Donald Trump's economy, nearly 200 million Americans experienced the largest premium increases in decades. For over 20 million, premiums doubled, on average.

By the Numbers:

- Despite Trump's claim that he's making health care affordable, his Big Ugly Bill made the largest-ever cuts to the health care system, with over \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act.
- Meanwhile, people cannot afford the health care they need. One in three adults with insurance have delayed or skipped care due to cost, as large insurance companies report record profits.
- One in five American households struggles with medical debt, as the top seven Big Insurance CEOs received over \$146 million in total annual compensation.
- The policies enacted by Trump and Republicans over the past year will cause over 15 million people to lose health coverage, leading to higher costs for all Americans due to higher rates of uncompensated care.



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Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans don't care about higher health costs for American families

- Under Donald Trump, Americans are paying more for health insurance and getting less. Families are forced to choose between paying crushing out-of-pocket costs or forgoing health care they need.
- Donald Trump claimed he would “fix” Big Insurance by giving cash directly to patients, but his plan would leave American families with skyrocketing premiums and deductibles so high that his plan would not come close to covering the cost of care.
- Trump and Republicans are crippling employers and stunting employee wages – the average employer/employee must pay \$27,000 in out-of-pocket costs for a family of four, as Trump and Republicans gave trillions in tax handouts to billionaires and big corporations in their Big Ugly Bill.

What has Donald Trump been up to instead of lowering health care costs?

- Trump is turning a blind eye as Big Insurance covers less, charges more, and uses shady practices to price-gouge Americans and their employers.
- Trump and Republicans sabotaged the ACA, raised costs, added new red tape, and let Big Insurance companies peddle junk insurance with soaring deductibles, higher co-pays, and smaller networks.
- Republicans are letting AI algorithms—instead of doctors—decide who should get health care. Trump added new prior authorization schemes to Traditional Medicare, ensnaring seniors in the same red tape Big Insurance companies use to deny care.
- Donald Trump's policies are driving up health care costs for everyone. As millions are kicked off their health insurance because of Republicans' health care cuts, rates of uncompensated care will skyrocket. Americans without health insurance will be forced to seek costlier care in hospital ERs increasing costs for all patients and taxpayers.



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