



GOP WANTS TO TAKE AWAY HEALTH BENEFITS FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS



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Instead of working with Democrats to create jobs and help our economy grow, Republicans are re-fighting old political battles and going to the mat to protect health insurance companies. While Democrats remain open to improving existing laws, we do not support Republican efforts to take away any new health benefits from any American.

REPUBLICANS WANT TO ELIMINATE HEALTH BENEFITS FOR MILLIONS OF SENIORS

- **Republicans Are Working to Eliminate Health Services for 32 Million Seniors.** As a result of health reform, seniors now have access to free preventive health services, such as cancer and diabetes screening. The law provides a new, free, annual wellness visit and eliminates out-of-pocket copayments for preventive benefits. Republican efforts to repeal the law would force [32 million seniors](#) to pay more for these critical, lifesaving services. [Click here for state-by-state data on these preventive health services.](#) [HHS, accessed on 3/13/12]
- **Republicans Want to Force 5.1 Million Seniors To Pay \$3.2 Billion More For Their Rx Drugs.** Health reform lowered prescription drug prices by an average of \$635 for [5.1 million seniors](#) last year. The law provides seniors who hit the so-called “donut hole” with a 50% discount in brand name drug prices. Seniors will receive larger discounts each year, and the law closes the “donut hole” completely. [HHS, 3/19/12]

REPUBLICANS WANT TO ELIMINATE BENEFITS FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- **Republicans Want To Eliminate Health Benefits For Over 20 Million Women.** Health reform requires insurance plans to cover a variety of women’s preventive health services, such as mammograms and cervical cancer screenings. As a result of health reform, more than [20 million women](#) are currently benefitting from guaranteed preventive health services, like mammograms. In addition to these women, millions more will benefit from consumer protections like pregnancy no longer being considered a “pre-existing condition.” [Click here for state-by-state data on women currently receiving these new benefits.](#) [HHS, accessed on 3/13/12]
- **Republicans Are Fighting to Cut Off Access to Insurance for More Than 57 Million Children and Families With Pre-Existing Conditions.** Under health care reform, [more than 48,000](#) children and families with pre-existing conditions have received coverage, and when protections are fully phased in over [57 million Americans](#) with pre-existing conditions that could previously be denied access to health insurance will have guaranteed access to affordable care. Repeal would rescind these protections. [Click here for state-by-state data on families already helped by this protection.](#) [HHS, accessed on 3/13/12]



- **Republicans Want To Eliminate Coverage For The 2.5 Million Young Adults Who Now Have Coverage Through Their Parents' Plans.** Health reform requires health plans that cover children to make coverage available to children through age 26, thus making it easier and more affordable for young adults to get health insurance coverage. [Click here for state-by-state data on families currently receiving these new benefits.](#) [HHS, accessed on 3/13/12]
- **Republicans Are Working To Cut Off Access to Health Services For 32 Million Americans.** Affordable Insurance Exchanges will make buying health insurance easier and more affordable for individuals and small businesses. According to [CBO](#), Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act would leave, "...about 32 million fewer nonelderly people [with] health insurance in 2019, leaving a total of about 54 million nonelderly people uninsured." [Click here for state-by-state data on Americans currently receiving these new benefits.](#) [HHS, accessed on 3/13/12]

REPUBLICANS WANT TO MAKE BENEFITS MORE EXPENSIVE AND LESS SECURE FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS

- **Republicans Want to Take Away Consumer Protections For 105 Million Americans.** Health reform cracks down on some of the most egregious practices of the insurance industry. Before the health care law, for example, many health plans set a lifetime limit — a dollar limit on what they would spend for covered benefits. As a result, American families were required to pay the cost of all care exceeding those limits – or cut back on necessary care. Health reform prohibits insurance companies from putting a lifetime limit on benefits, and phases out annual dollar limits by 2014. Republicans are fighting to eliminate this and other consumer protections benefiting over 105 million Americans. [Click here for state-by-state data on these consumer protections.](#) [HHS, accessed on 3/13/12]
- **Republicans Are Fighting to Increase Health Care Premiums for American Families By \$2,000 Per Year.** According to [CBO](#), if health care reform were repealed, "many people would end up paying more for health insurance— because under current law, the majority of enrollees purchasing coverage in that market would receive subsidies via the insurance exchanges..." One estimate indicates that repealing health reform could add [\\$2,000 per year](#) to family insurance premiums.

