

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Statement on Health Insurance Enrollment Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

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Today we broke another record when it comes to lowering costs and ensuring Americans have access to quality, affordable health care: 21.3 million Americans have signed up for health coverage through Affordable Care Act marketplaces. That means 9 million more people have gained coverage under the law—and peace of mind—since I took office. It's no accident. My actions to protect the Affordable Care Act and lower premiums continue to make a big difference. And the American people have made it clear: They don't want the Affordable Care Act weakened and repealed, they want it strengthened and protected.

We need to build on the progress we've made by making lower premiums permanent. But Republicans in Congress have a different vision. Their recent budget would get rid of the improvements I signed into law, raising costs for millions of people. Over the last decade, extreme Republicans in Congress have blocked efforts to lower health care costs, and they're still trying to end the Affordable Care Act, just as my predecessor tried and failed to do. Repealing the Affordable Care Act would throw these 21 million people off their coverage and end Medicaid coverage for millions more. It would return to the days when insurance companies could rip Americans off by denying coverage based on preexisting conditions, charge women more than men, and make older adults pay astronomical health care premiums based on their age. We must not and will not go back.

If the extreme Republicans in Congress get their way, millions of families would face skyrocketing health care costs or lose their health care altogether. I won't let it happen on my watch, and I'll keep fighting to bring down health care and prescription drug costs.

NOTE: The statement referred to former President Donald J. Trump.

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