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Working Americans Face Premium Hike Under Cassidy-Graham

Republicans' last-ditch effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Cassidy-Graham bill, repeals ACA tax credits that help working Americans afford health insurance. This year, nearly 9 million Americans are receiving an average monthly tax credit of \$371, amounting to nearly \$4,500 in annual savings. Alaskans stand to lose even more, at \$11,700 per year. In eliminating the guarantee of these tax credits, Cassidy-Graham dramatically increases premiums for 84 percent of people on the individual market and threatens to place health coverage out of reach for millions of Americans.

Cassidy-Graham also substantially cuts federal funding for health coverage. Replacing both Medicaid expansion and premium tax credits with a temporary block grant—essentially arbitrarily capping funding without any regard to health care needs—would cut funding by \$239 billion from 2020 to 2026.² After 2026, the Cassidy-Graham block grant expires and leaves states on the hook for more than \$250 billion in 2027 *alone*.³

States would have far less funding from the federal government to help Americans afford coverage. This puts already cash-strapped states in the untenable position of having to choose between keeping health care affordable for their residents and funding other critical areas like education.

¹ https://downloads.cms.gov/files/effectuated-enrollment-snapshot-report-06-12-17.pdf

² https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/like-other-aca-repeal-bills-cassidy-graham-plan-would-add-millions-to-uninsured

³ https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/cassidy-graham-plans-damaging-cuts-to-health-care-funding-would-grow-dramatically-in

| Premium Tax Credits Lost Under Cassidy-Graham | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Average Annual | Number of Individuals | Percent of Individual |
| | Premium Tax Credit | Receiving Premium Tax | Market Enrollees Receiving |
| State | Tremmani Tax Create | Credits | Premium Tax Credits |
| United States | \$4,458 | 8,707,757 | 84% |
| Alabama | \$6,222 | 143,608 | 94% |
| Alaska | \$11,709 | 13,128 | 93% |
| Arizona | \$6,489 | 120,971 | 86% |
| Arkansas | \$3,280 | 51,567 | 87% |
| California | \$4,150 | 1,181,085 | 85% |
| Colorado | \$4,712 | 79,977 | 65% |
| Connecticut | \$5,312 | 75,628 | 77% |
| Delaware | \$5,010 | 20,125 | 83% |
| District of Columbia | \$2,967 | 785 | 4% |
| Florida | \$4,368 | 1,331,110 | 93% |
| Georgia | \$4,297 | 362,868 | 90% |
| Hawaii | \$4,238 | 13,728 | 82% |
| Idaho | \$4,247 | 74,461 | 88% |
| Illinois | \$4,372 | 253,542 | 81% |
| Indiana | \$3,145 | 107,994 | 73% |
| Iowa | \$5,050 | 40,567 | 87% |
| Kansas | \$4,545 | 74,531 | 86% |
| Kentucky | \$3,519 | 55,977 | 78% |
| Louisiana | \$5,197 | 110,899 | 90% |
| Maine | \$4,961 | 60,149 | 87% |
| Maryland | \$3,774 | 102,735 | 76% |
| Massachusetts | \$2,135 | 178,999 | 74% |
| Michigan | \$3,186 | 236,428 | 83% |
| Minnesota | \$5,220 | 62,820 | 70% |
| Mississippi | \$4,562 | 62,891 | 94% |
| Missouri | \$4,804 | 187,251 | 88% |
| Montana | \$5,717 | • | 85% |
| Nebraska | \$6,127 | 41,765 69,742 | 94% |
| Nevada | \$3,447 | 63,968 | 85% |
| | \$3,010 | · | 64% |
| New Hampshire | | 30,497 | 79% |
| New Jersey New Mexico | \$4,205 \$3,400 | 193,189 33,102 | 73% |
| | | 114,875 | 55% |
| New York North Carolina | \$2,763 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 93% |
| | \$7,100 | 421,275 | |
| North Dakota | \$3,464 | 17,244 | 85% |
| Ohio | \$3,203 | 156,711 | 76% |
| Oklahoma | \$6,612 | 117,505 | 91% |
| Oregon | \$4,144 | 102,893 | 75% |
| Pennsylvania | \$5,086 | 301,632 | 83% |
| Rhode Island | \$2,974 | 22,551 | 78% |
| South Carolina | \$5,067 | 166,682 | 91% |
| South Dakota | \$5,313 | 24,953 | 91% |
| Tennessee | \$6,411 | 176,463 | 88% |
| Texas | \$3,998 | 829,374 | 86% |
| Utah | \$2,806 | 154,286 | 87% |
| Vermont | \$3,898 | 22,092 | 76% |
| Virginia | \$3,807 | 301,669 | 83% |
| Washington | \$3,040 | 116,183 | 63% |
| West Virginia | \$6,696 | 25,841 | 87% |
| Wisconsin | \$4,818 | 179,211 | 83% |
| Wyoming | \$6,075 | 20,230 | 91% |

Source: Joint Economic Committee Democratic Staff calculations based on data from CMS February 2017