



TEN WAYS TRUMPCARE LEAVES RURAL AMERICA BEHIND

Instead of focusing on improving health care delivery in rural America, Senate Republicans passed a bill that will only make it harder to access affordable, quality health services in rural communities across the country.

Here are ten ways TrumpCare will have a damaging impact on rural America:

1. INCREASES NUMBER OF UNINSURED

About 2.9 million rural Americans could lose health care by 2020, including many of the 1.7 million who gained coverage through Medicaid expansion.

2. STRIPS \$772 BILLION FROM MEDICAID

Over the next ten years, TrumpCare will unduly hurt rural hospitals, which rely on Medicaid for 11 percent of their payments.

3. ENDS PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS PROTECTIONS

For the 20 million rural Americans with a pre-existing condition, TrumpCare risks a spike in costs or losing coverage altogether.

4. DESTABILIZES INDIVIDUAL MARKETPLACES

By replacing need-based tax credits with less-generous flat credits, TrumpCare threatens coverage for the 15 percent of rural Americans that get coverage through the exchanges.

5. MAKES PEOPLE PAY MORE FOR LESS

TrumpCare bases its tax credits on plans that cover less, forcing individuals to either pay higher premiums or bear higher deductibles and out-of-pocket costs. Overall, marketplace enrollees would pay on average 74 percent more in net premiums for a benchmark silver plan in 2020 under the Republican plan.

6. THREATENS RURAL HOSPITAL CLOSURES

Uninsurance spikes, Medicaid cuts, plus other marketplace uncertainty threaten rural hospitals that are already struggling to keep their doors open—673 rural hospitals, employing nearly 100,000 workers, are already at risk of closure.

7. UNDERMINES FIGHT AGAINST THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

This epidemic is killing tens of thousands of Americans every year. Heavily rural states such as West Virginia, New Hampshire, and Kentucky are some of the hardest hit by the epidemic.

8. REDUCES IMPROVEMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE

TrumpCare risks treatment for the 6 million rural Americans that experience a mental health issue.

9. ELIMINATES CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

TrumpCare removes protections that help provide affordable, quality plans for rural Americans—including requiring that insurers cover essential health benefits and limiting out-of-pocket spending on those benefits.

10. HURTS OLDER RURAL AMERICANS

Rural Americans are more likely to be older. TrumpCare would slash funding for nursing homes and long-term care, while increasing net premiums for older Americans. Under this bill, a 60-year-old making \$54,791 in Yukon-Koyukuk County, Alaska would lose \$22,940 in premium tax credits.