



MESSAGE: Republicans Voted for Skyrocketing Health Care Costs. Democrats Are Choosing a Different Path.

- **Health care costs continue to skyrocket — for many Minnesotans, paying these bills has felt like another month of rent or mortgage payments.**
- **Every Minnesota Republican in Congress — Brad Finstad, Pete Stauber, Tom Emmer, and Michelle Fischbach — voted for Trump’s bill that drove up Minnesotans’ health care costs.** They chose Trump’s agenda instead of helping the people they were elected to serve. They made health care more expensive for over 20 million Americans.
- **Republican leaders at the State Capitol have been just as bad.** With hospitals struggling to stay open and the cost of health care and prescription drugs skyrocketing, they blocked a bill that would have helped keep hospitals open in Minnesota.
- **Instead of helping Minnesotans, Minnesota Republicans helped big drug companies who profit from higher drug prices.** Big Pharma lobbied against the bill that would have kept hospitals open, and they got exactly what they paid for.
- **When people are priced out of their health insurance, it raises costs for everyone.** Based on projections resulting from Republicans’ Big Beautiful Betrayal, taxpayers will pay billions more in uninsured health care costs.
- **More money paid to health care means less for everything else.** These rising costs mean families have to choose between paying for health care and paying for basics like groceries or heat. That’s not right, and it’s not fair.
- **Minnesota Democrats believe that health care is a human right.** That means you can go to the doctor when you get sick without breaking the bank or having to give up your basic needs.

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- The total price tag for Trump's so-called Big Beautiful Bill is an estimated \$4.1 trillion. [[Source](#)]
- Republican cuts will take away an estimated \$4.34 billion in Medicaid for rural Minnesotans. [[Source](#)]
- GOP failure to renew the Affordable Care Act tax credits drove marketplace monthly premiums up ~\$65 on average — a 58% increase just this year. [[Source](#)]
- ACA deductibles have increased to a record \$3,786 on average. ACA monthly premiums are up about \$780/year on average. [[Source](#)]
- That means a family of four making \$70,000 is paying \$3,182 more on average, which comes out to ~\$265 more a month on average. [[Source](#)]
- Minnesota has experienced a more than 25% decline in ACA marketplace enrollments – that's tens of thousands of Minnesota families that have lost their health coverage. [[Source](#)]

QUOTES

Republicans on voting for skyrocketing health care costs:

- **“A year from now, this will be immensely popular.”** —Tom Emmer after voting to make health care more expensive for 20 million people

DFLers on the harm Republican health care cuts are causing Minnesotans:

- **“Democrats want to work to halt the massive increase in health insurance premiums. And so far, Republicans have said no.”** —Sen. Tina Smith, on the expiration of the ACA tax credits that have driven up marketplace costs [[Source](#)]
- **“Instead of doing anything to lower healthcare costs, Trump thinks you should just get a loan to pay for them. Do you?”** —Rep. Kelly Morrison, on Donald Trump's solution to higher deductibles and increasing medical debt
- **“Donald Trump and Republicans failed to bring down costs — their choices are making your health care more expensive.”** —DFL Party Chair Richard

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