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Graham-Cassidy: Trumpcare in Disguise

Graham-Cassidy, the latest rushed and partisan attack on our healthcare, would give states the right to waive many of the Affordable Care Act's provisions that protect consumers and hold down premium costs for working families and older, sicker people.

This latest version of Trumpcare, named after two of the bill's sponsors, Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, would:¹

- Penalize 35 states providing healthcare to more of their residents by decreasing federal funding through 2026 by a total of \$80 billion.
- Allow states to waive coverage for essential health benefits, which now include maternity benefits, mental health coverage, preventive care and pediatric care.
- Let insurance companies charge people with pre-existing conditions unaffordable premiums.
- Reduce and then eliminate funding for Medicaid expansion, which now covers 11 million Americans.
- End subsidies that help 9 million people afford coverage.
- Strip healthcare away from 32 million more Americans over the next 10 years.

Before the Affordable Care Act's major coverage provisions went into effect in 2014:

- 75 percent of individual insurance plans excluded maternity coverage, 45 percent excluded substance abuse treatment, and 38 percent excluded mental health care.²
- 41 million Americans were uninsured, a total that decreased by nearly 13 million by the end of 2015.³

Rather than work out bipartisan solutions to rising healthcare costs, this newest version of Trumpcare sends America backward and has yet to be "scored" by the Congressional Budget Office so that we can see the real cost.

A bipartisan group of senators is already working on solutions that will help hold down healthcare costs and protect coverage for consumers. Their solutions to stabilize the insurance markets and maintain subsidies have been supported by governors and state insurance commissioners. That's what we need our senators to support, not Graham-Cassidy.

Take action now against partisan attacks on our healthcare. Contact your U.S. senators and ask that they work together to hold down healthcare costs, not work to deprive millions of Americans of healthcare coverage.

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The Graham-Cassidy bill would slash funding to 35 states and Washington, D.C.:⁴

State	Estimated federal funding change, in 2026 (in \$millions)	Expansion State
Texas	8,234	no
Alabama	1,713	no
Georgia	1,685	no
Tennessee	1,642	no
Mississippi	1,441	no
Oklahoma	1,118	no
Kansas	821	no
South Carolina	804	no
Missouri	545	no
Utah	313	no
Virginia	268	no
Wisconsin	252	no
South Dakota	218	no
Nebraska	203	no
Idaho	177	no
Wyoming	-90	no
Maine	-115	no
North Dakota	-211	yes
Alaska	-255	yes
New Hampshire	-410	yes
Indiana	-425	yes
District of Columbia	-431	yes
Montana	-515	yes
Iowa	-525	yes
West Virginia	-554	yes
Vermont	-561	yes
Rhode Island	-625	yes
Nevada	-639	yes
Hawaii	-659	yes
Delaware	-724	yes
Colorado	-823	yes
Pennsylvania	-850	yes
North Carolina	-1,099	no
Arkansas	-1,102	yes
New Mexico	-1,350	yes
Illinois	-1,420	yes
Arizona	-1,600	yes

State	Estimated federal funding change, in 2026 (in \$millions)	Expansion State
Maryland	-2,162	yes
Connecticut	-2,324	yes
Ohio	-2,512	yes
Florida	-2,691	no
Minnesota	-2,747	yes
Michigan	-3,041	yes
Kentucky	-3,062	yes
Louisiana	-3,220	yes
Washington	-3,333	yes
Oregon	-3,641	yes
New Jersey	-3,904	yes
Massachusetts	-5,089	yes
New York	-18,905	yes
California	-27,823	yes
United States	-80,000	

¹<http://bit.ly/2fhYDuX>

²<http://kaiserf.am/2uEEMLQ>

³<http://www.kff.org/uninsured/fact-sheet/key-facts-about-the-uninsured-population/>

⁴www.cbpp.org