

A STRONGER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: SECURE COVERAGE, GREATER ACCESS, NEW CURES & TREATMENTS

The GOP Plan for Freedom, Flexibility, & Peace
of Mind

An Opportunity Wrapped in a Problem

- Obamacare threatens our health care, making it more expensive and harder to find and obtain coverage.
- It moves us backwards – to impersonal, stale, expensive, bureaucrat-run health care that chokes off innovation.
- Americans don't want rationed care; they don't want decisions made for them by politicians and bureaucrats in Washington; and they don't want a wall of worry from mounting medical bills.
- Obamacare fails to recognize the difference between health coverage and health care.
- Americans need an architecture of affordability, a campaign for new cures.
- Reform should open the health care system to give Americans the power and flexibility to make their own health care choices.
- We have a plan for a more affordable, stronger solution where Americans have plans they want and can afford with access to doctors and pediatricians they like.

Mission Statement

- **All Americans should have access to the best health care and the most affordable coverage in a way that works best for them and their families.**
- We believe all Americans deserve the **security** and **peace of mind** that comes from knowing they have access to an **open, patient-centered health care system** that provides access to the doctors and pediatricians they want, with the highest quality coverage and the most innovative treatments and cures.

Peace of Mind Health Care Principles

1. Ensure Availability of Health Care Options that All Household Budgets Can **Afford**
2. Provide More Americans **Access** to Quality Health Care Options and Doctors They Want
3. Incentivize More Doctors, New Cures, and Better Treatments through **Innovation**
4. Create an **Open** Health Care System, Not a Closed One
5. Give **Security and Peace of Mind** to All Americans

Ensure Availability of Health Care Options that All Household Budgets Can Afford

- **The Promise:** Obamacare was supposed to lower health care costs; candidate Obama said it would reduce family premiums by \$2,500.
- **The Truth:** Obamacare's **Tower of Red Tape** imposes more than \$31 billion in costly and burdensome regulations. The law is driving premium rate shocks of as much as 400 percent, with young, healthy people facing the largest increases. The law is riddled with expensive new taxes driving up costs and threatening jobs.
- **A Fresh Approach:** Provide More Choices for Patients
 - **Lower premiums** for all Americans – regardless of type of coverage – by expanding the number of insurance choices, reforming medical liability, and cutting costly red tape.
 - Greater Flexibility for **Americans to choose** coverage across state-lines and from internet health care exchanges, which would bring costs down.

Get More Americans Access to Quality Health Care Options

- **The Promise:** President Obama said we could keep our doctors and our health care coverage if we liked it.
- **The Truth:** Up to 20 million Americans – some estimates say as many as 35 million – could lose their current coverage under Obamacare.
- **A Fresh Approach:** Universal Access Programs
 - Build a system that ensures all Americans – regardless of pre-existing conditions or past illnesses – have **access to affordable care**, while lowering costs for all Americans.
 - **Expand and reform** state high-risk pools and reinsurance programs, and allow small businesses and groups to band together and improve purchasing power through Association Health Plans.
 - Improve **portability** in health coverage so individuals do not lose their coverage when they change or lose jobs.

Incentivize More Doctors, New Cures, and Better Treatments through Innovation

- **The Promise:** Obamacare was supposed to deliver better health care.
- **The Truth:** Obamacare's taxes and red tape have made it harder to treat, innovate, and reduce costs.
- **A Fresh Approach: A Three Part "Innovation Strategy"** to improve quality *and* reduce costs.
 - Support for **innovation in biomedical research** to unleash new treatments for patients and beat diseases like Alzheimer's and cancer.
 - Support for **innovation in coverage** by enabling Americans to choose new, patient-driven coverage options instead of government-approved options.
 - Support for **innovation in entitlements** by rewarding value, not volume, building on the private programs that are working for Americans and providing flexibility to states.

Ensure an Open Health Care System, Not a Closed One

- **The Promise:** Obamacare was supposed to give patients a health care system that worked for them.
- **The Truth:** Obamacare imposes a stale, top-down health care system that is closed to American ingenuity, flexibility, and the health care freedom that patients deserve.
- **A Fresh Approach:** Eliminate Artificial Boundaries
 - Promote an **open health care system** free from excessive Washington mandates with more consumer choices and greater flexibility for states.
 - Give Americans the ability to **choose their best care and coverage** by purchasing plans across state lines.
 - **Empower health consumers** by eliminating rules and government bureaucracies that pick winners and losers among coverage and treatments.

Give Security and Peace of Mind To All Americans

- **The Promise:** Obamacare was supposed to eliminate health care fear, uncertainty, and fraud.
- **The Truth:** Even President Obama can't figure out how to make Obamacare work. The law's uncertainty has led to higher costs and many Americans losing their doctors and coverage.
- **A Fresh Approach:** Care that's there when you need it.
 - Incentivize **health care centered on the patient and doctor** with tools like HSAs, not top-down politician-centered bureaucracy.
 - Make **commonsense reforms** to ensure Americans responsibly keeping health care coverage don't face unfair rescissions and can maintain continuous coverage, without putting personal health and financial information in the hands of "Navigators."

Peace of Mind Health Care Means:

Affordable	Open	Accessible	Innovative	Secure
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fewer Washington mandates• Medical malpractice reform• Repeal individual and employer mandates• Allow catastrophic plans• Crack down on waste, fraud, abuse and slush funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buy across state lines• Repeal IPAB• Remove tax penalty buying health care on your own• Free market competition• A la carte purchasing• Repeal SGR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-existing condition protections• Financial help for the sick through high-risk pools• Association Health Plans• Expand Medicare Advantage and private sector innovation in public programs• Keeping plans and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FDA reforms• State flexibility for Medicaid• Repeal medical device tax• Promote medical apps• Biomedical research that moves from bench to bedside	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand HSAs and the use of HSAs to include LTC• Universal access• Continuous coverage protections• No unfair rescissions• Portability• Real conscience protections• Protect your personal information

Protect Americans From Obamacare

- Individual mandate: No American should be forced to buy an expensive plan picked by politicians from a dangerous a broken system.
- Keep Your Plan: Allow 2013 health plans to continue to be sold to individuals and workers.
- Reinstate High-Risk Pools: Extend state-high risk pools for the 200,000 sick Americans losing coverage due to Obamacare
- Privacy/Navigator Abuse: Greater consumer protections from scammers and unscrupulous navigator and strengthen the cybersecurity of healthcare.gov
- Medicare Advantage Protection: Maintain access and improve options for seniors who are being harmed by Obamacare cuts.

Peace of Mind Legislative Package

- **Affordable:** Allow 2013 individual and group health insurance (including catastrophic) to be sold across state lines and enact real medical liability reform
- **Innovative:** State flexibility for Medicaid
- **Accessible:** Financial help for the sick through state high-risk pools
- **Open:** No tax penalty for individually purchased, portable health insurance and repeal SGR
- **Secure:** Continuous coverage protections