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## WHAT OBAMACARE MEANS FOR TEXANS

### Historic Mistake

*“One of the most perplexing things about this health care bill is the determination of the White House and the Democratic majority to shove this down the throat of the American people even though they’ve made it clear they don’t support this bill.”*

*“So in the end, in this political process, in this great democracy we have, the voters - the people - always get the final say-so, and I think this is very important to remember as the President intends to take a victory lap on this bill.”*

- U.S. Senator John Cornyn

### By the Numbers

- 1) **\$102,500** is the current Texas-household share of the **\$12 trillion** national debt, which the new unsustainable healthcare entitlement will skyrocket.
- 2) **\$20,140** in new Washington spending over the first 10 years for every household in Texas.
- 3) **532,000** Texans enrolled in Medicare Advantage will have their benefits reduced by half. ([Congressional Budget Office](#))
- 4) Approximately **7.9 million** Texas households making less than **\$200,000** will pay higher taxes. ([Joint Committee on Taxation](#))
- 5) **979,000** Texans in the individual insurance market will see premiums skyrocket by **61 percent**. ([Oliver Wyman](#))

- 6) **20 percent higher health care costs or a punitive new tax for failing to comply with dictates from Washington for Texas small businesses employing 50 or more people and 7,243 Texas construction companies employing 5 or more.** ([U.S. Census Bureau](#))
- 7) **1.25 million Texas college students will be overcharged an average of \$1,800 each on their student loans to fund health care and other government programs.** ([Project on Student Debt](#))
- 8) **\$24.3 billion over 10 years in new costs to Texas (due to the unfunded Medicaid expansions) will force the governor and legislature to raise taxes, raise college tuitions, decrease the quality of education, or all three.** ([Texas Health and Human Services Commission](#))
- 9) **The youngest 30 percent of Texans will pay 35 percent more based solely on their age as the new regulations drive up health care premiums in the individual market.** ([Oliver Wyman](#))
- 10) **2 million low-income Texans will be added to the state's Medicaid rolls, even though only 38 percent of doctors in the Dallas-Fort Worth area can accept new Medicaid patients, and similar scenarios are popping up across the state.** ([Texas Health and Human Services Commission](#))

## **Replace With Solutions to Lower Costs**

- **Lower costs through small business health plans**
- **Increase competition with the purchase of insurance across state lines**
- **Limit junk lawsuits against doctors**
- **Give states incentives to lower costs and expand access**
- **Promote transparency about cost and quality**
- **Reduce waste, fraud, and abuse**
- **Empower patients through Health Savings Accounts**

*Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Agriculture and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.*

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