



Trump Blasts ‘Fake News’ Media on Healthcare Coverage

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“We don’t have big insurance companies and big drug companies, and the kind of wealthy individuals that are going to benefit from this \$600 billion tax giveaway”, he said.

That was before House Republicans passed the American Health Care Act on Thursday at the urging of now-President Trump – sending a bill that doesn’t come close to keeping his promise of “insurance for everybody”.

There’s at least one more option for moving a health-care bill through the Senate: killing the 60-vote filibuster for legislation.

Republicans, including President Donald Trump, are trying to drown out the chorus of doctor, patient and hospital groups that say people with chronic medical conditions could be priced out of coverage under the Republican health plan that narrowly passed the House of Representatives on Thursday.

“Yes, premiums will be coming down”.

Drop in Medicaid Coverage: Before Obamacare, it was nearly impossible for low-income people without children to receive *Medicaid* coverage.

Republicans took major political risks by backing a deeply controversial bill, and Democrats hope to make them pay at the polls in midterm elections next year.

The CBO also estimated that deductibles “would tend to be higher” than under *Obamacare*.

Celebrating his victory, Trump, who have campaigned relentlessly on the pledge to dismantle *Obamacare*, said he was doing well as president, even though he has been a politician only for a brief time.

He promised individuals under 26 could remain on their parents’ health insurance. They had aimed to use the fiscal 2018 reconciliation process for their tax reform bill.

However, members including Freedom Caucus Chairman Mark Meadows persisted in talks with the Trump Administration to make adjustments to the bill sufficient to see it pass. And I mandate it. “I did not [read it], but I can also assure you my staff did”, Rep. Chris Collins (R-N.Y.) told CNN’s Wolf Blitzer.

As a result of the bill which passed the House, more than 20 million Americans will lose their health insurance; millions more will pay an average of nearly \$4,000 more each year for less coverage.

“We do not have enough for Medicare, we do not have enough for Social Security, we do not have enough for *Medicaid* – before we got started on the expansion of *Medicaid*“, Paul said Friday during a speech at the Cato Institute. “Huckabee copied me”, he said, referring to then-2016 rival, Mike Huckabee.

The bill as passed by the House moves in the opposite direction, but Mr. Trump presented it differently. “I can’t go back and cut”.

But despite holding the White House and controlling both houses of Congress, Republicans have found overturning *Obamacare* politically perilous, partly because of voter fears, loudly expressed at constituents’ town-hall meetings, that many people would lose their health insurance as a result.