



Ryan dampens hopes for quick revival of United States healthcare overhaul

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Fifty-five percent of the public now approves, the first time Gallup polling has found majority support for the law. Gallup finds majority back ObamaCare for first time MORE (R-Wis.) and the White House early on, but was ultimately withdrawn amid weak Republican support.

Patricia Lee Onwuka with Generation Opportunity says a recent Cato Institute poll shows Americans want health care reform but disapprove of changes that increase costs, including for medicines.

Politico reported that sources familiar with the discussions say that groups such as Heritage Action and Americans for Prosperity, which fought against the original health care bill, were willing to work with the White House.

Members of the Trump administration, including VP Mike Pence, met with the moderate conservative Republican "Tuesday Group" at the White House on Monday.

Eager to avoid another public debacle, Republicans insisted they won't move another health care bill so far along in the House unless they know it has the votes to win final passage. A person with a chronic illness would buy a plan, but it's very likely that that person wouldn't be able to afford the services they need if the EHB requirement were waived.

And the GOP health bill, the American Health Care Act, included \$100 billion for a "Patient and State Stability Fund" that states with limited insurer competition could use to lower costs and help encourage insurers to stay in the market.

Sixty-one percent say Trump and a GOP-controlled Congress are responsible for any problems with Obamacare going forward, compared to 31 percent who say it's the responsibility of former president Obama and Democrats in Congress because they created the law, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation tracking poll. The auto insurance of people who don't get into vehicle crashes helps foot the bill for those who do.

Meanwhile, some House Freedom Caucus members, representing the most conservative Republicans who control Congress, were already criticising the revamped healthcare outline. "A few months ago, right before this all started, the Affordable Care Act was at, like, 42 percent favorable to 52 [percent] negative because of the misrepresentations that the Republicans put out there".

While the Affordable Care Act's popularity is middling, the law's protections for people with pre-existing conditions are extremely well-liked. "We still today have the Affordable Care Act in

place. and we finally have a governor who has the political courage and conviction to expand Medicaid in the state", McKissick said at a news conference.

The poll was conducted over the telephone from April 1-2, 2017 with a sample size of 1,023 adults 18 and older. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4 percentage points.