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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

# **GOP Obamacare repeal bill fails**

#### The final vote was 49-51, with John McCain, Lisa Murkowski and Susan Collins helping Democrats kill the bill

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has estimated that repeal of the individual mandate would result in 15 million fewer Americans having health insurance a decade from now. By 2026, about 15 percent of the nonelderly population, or 43 million Americans, would be uninsured.

Mandate repeal would affect the individual market enrollment in two ways. First, in the absence of a mandate, some younger and healthier individuals may decide to forgo individual market coverage. This phenomenon, known as adverse selection, would cause the average cost among enrollees remaining in the individual market to rise. In turn, issuers would need to raise rates. The CBO projects that premiums in the individual market would increase by "roughly 20 percent relative to premiums under current law." Second, because these higher premium levels would not be affordable to some enrollees, more people would be forced to drop their coverage and become uninsured. The Center for American Progress estimates that a 20 percent increase in individual market premiums next year would mean that the average premium in insurance marketplace would be about \$1,238 higher than it would otherwise be under current law.

#### SOME OF THE PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS THAT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN COVERED UNDER THE GOP'S SKINNY BILL

Acne Acromegaly AIDS or ARC

Alzheimer's Disease Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

Anemia (Aplastic, Cooley's, Hemolytic, Mediterranean or Sickle Cell)

Anxiety

Aortic or Mitral Valve Stenosis

Arteriosclerosis **Arteritis** Asbestosis

Asthma Bipolar disease Cancer

Cardiomyopathy Cerebral Palsy (infantile) Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Cirrhosis of the Liver Coagulation Defects Congestive Heart Failure

Cystic Fibrosis **Demyelinating Disease** 

Depression Dermatomyositis

Diabetes Dialysis

**Esophageal Varicosities** Friedreich's Ataxia

Hepatitis (Type B, C or Chronic) Menstrual irregularities

Multiple Sclerosis Muscular Dystrophy Myasthenia Gravis

Obesity

Organ transplants

Paraplegia

Parkinson's Disease Polycythemia Vera

Pregnancy **Psoriatic Arthritis** 

**Pulmonary Fibrosis** Renal Failure Sarcoidosis

Scleroderma Sex reassignment Sjogren's Syndrome

Sleep apnea Transsexualism **Tuberculosis** 

