



## WHY REPEAL? THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT'S COSTS TO PENNSYLVANIANS

*The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act—or "Obamacare"—will take more than \$500 billion from American taxpayers by 2022, raise costs to state governments and increase the cost of private health insurance. Here's a look at the numbers for Pennsylvania taxpayers:*

\$1.3 to \$5.5  
BILLION

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Cost to Pennsylvania for Medicaid (government health insurance for the poor and disabled) expansion. The federal government will pick up the rest of the tab.

800,000

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Number of additional Pennsylvanians dependent on government insurance after the expansion of Medicaid.

25%

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Percentage of Pennsylvanians on government insurance after Medicaid expansion.

83%

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Growth of Medicaid spending in Pennsylvania over the past decade, well before the ACA, and nearly twice the rate of personal income growth. Under the ACA, Medicaid costs will grow even faster, threatening Pennsylvania's fiscal future.



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50%

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Amount Highmark raised rates for small businesses in 2010. They are requesting another 10% hike in spite of promises from President Obama that insurance costs would decline.

- 6% = Rate increase by Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania
- 10% = Rate increase for Aetna Individual Advantage Plans due to the ACA.

20

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Number of new taxes in the ACA including: tax on the uninsured, tax on jobs, taxes on high incomes, taxes on health insurance and the health care industry.

\$1,591

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Cost of new ACA taxes per American through 2022, not including new state and local taxes.

2,350,000

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Number of Pennsylvania seniors enrolled in Medicare. Medicare recipients will experience lower quality care, including longer wait times and limited access to specialists, under the ACA.

- *The ACA cuts Medicare Advantage (Medicare plans provided by private companies) and reduces doctor payments, which are already less than private insurance payments.*
- *Additionally, federal bureaucrats will ration health care by refusing to cover procedures they deem non-cost effective instead of leaving treatment decisions to the patient.*

Instead of piling on more expensive government regulations and lowering our quality of health care, policymakers should:

1. *Repeal the Affordable Care Act.*
2. *Return control of health care to the states, and give states more flexibility to control Medicaid spending.*
3. *Adopt health care reforms at the state level that return control of health care to patients.*



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