

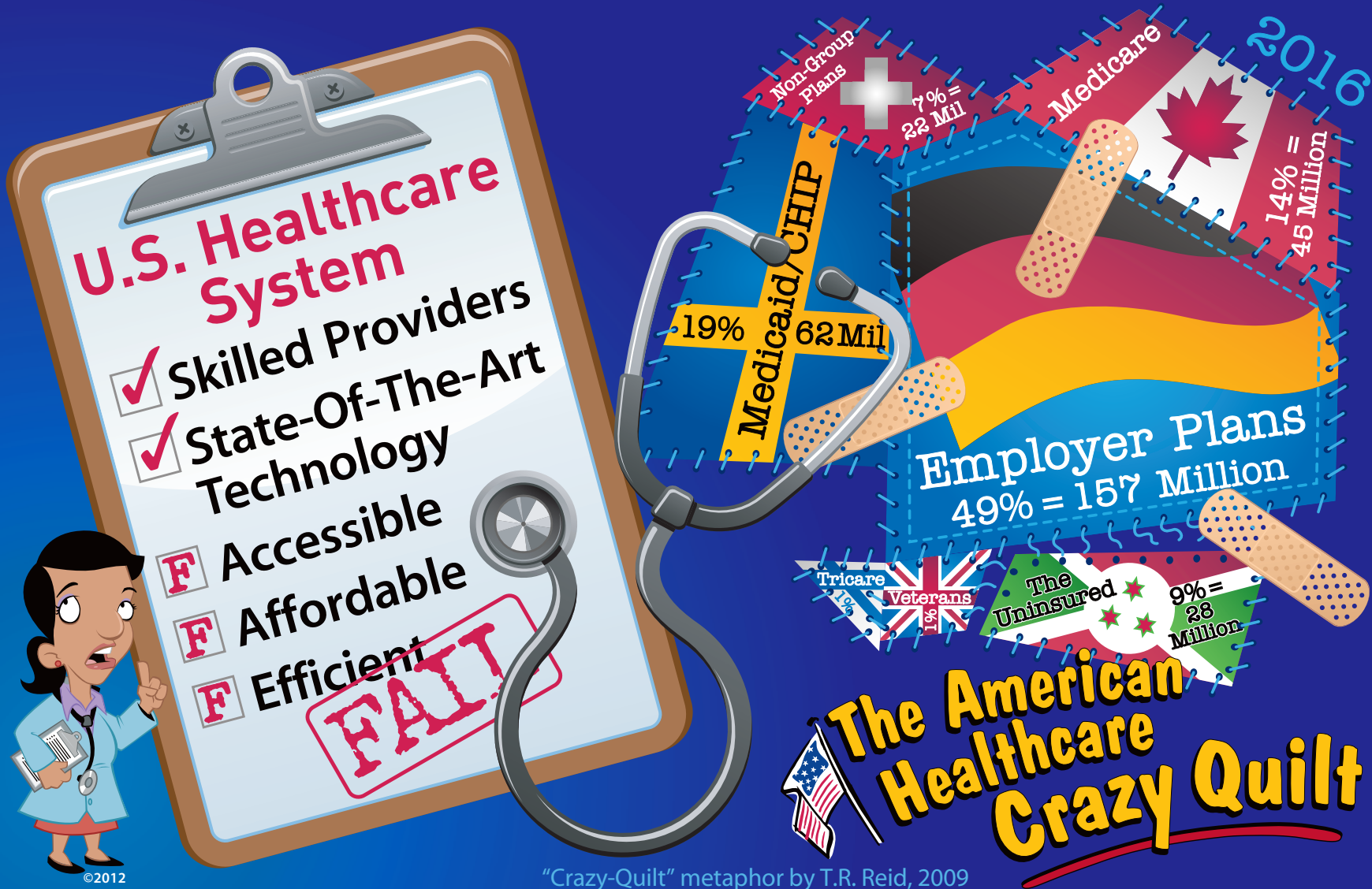
# The American Healthcare Crazy Quilt



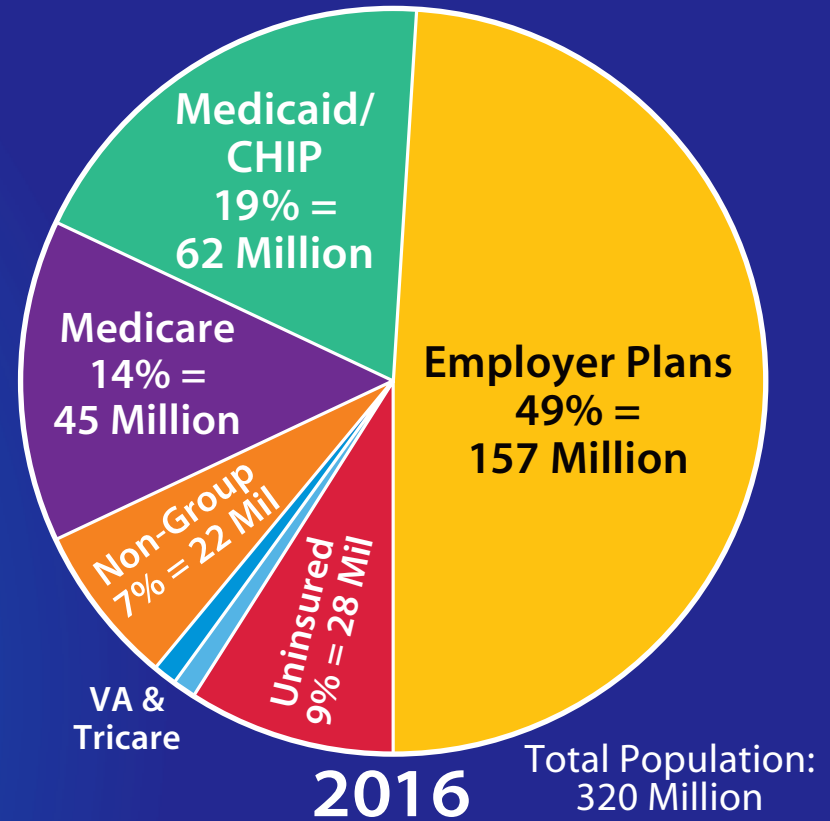
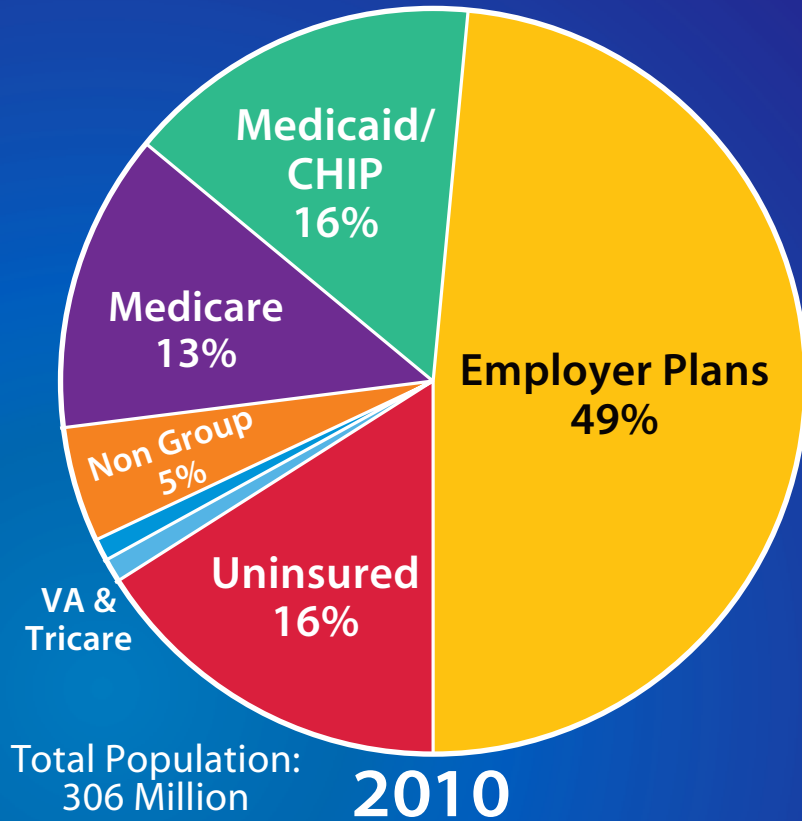
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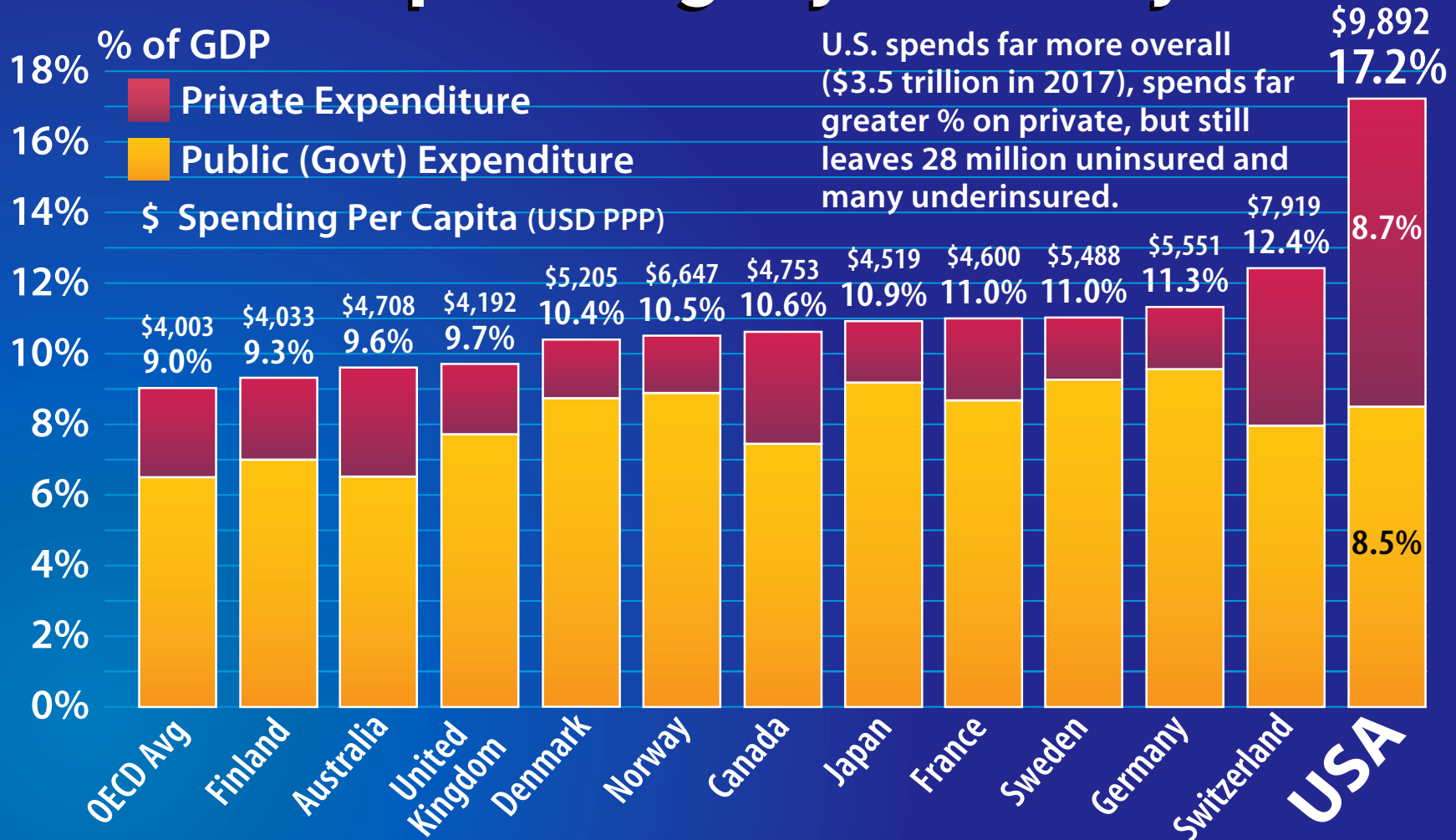
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# Despite Improvements, ACA Still Leaves **28 Million Uninsured** And Millions More Underinsured



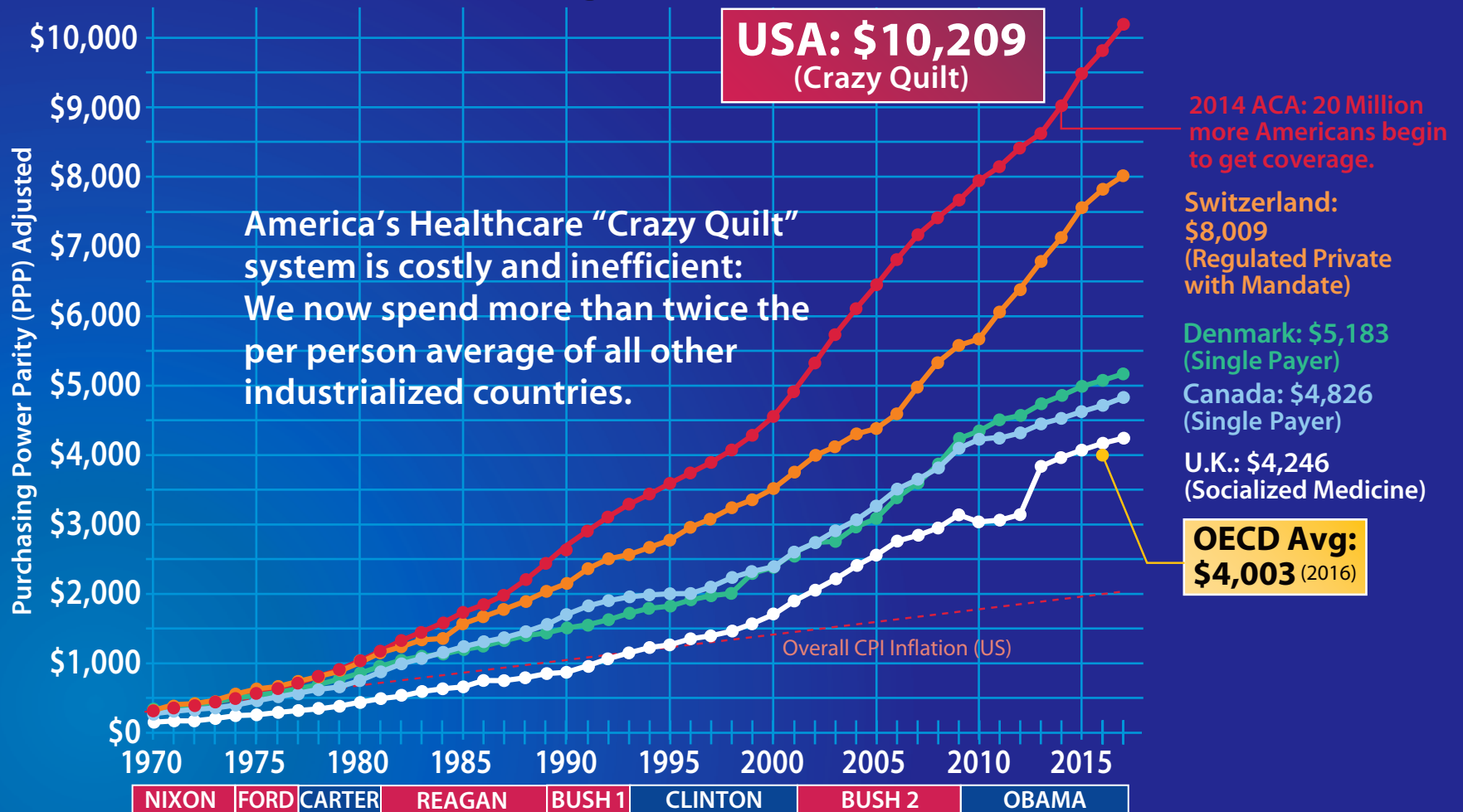
# Health Spending By Country 2016



Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation Development, *Health at a Glance 2017*, Feb 2018  
 Fig 7.3 on pg 135 and Fig 7.1 on pg 133 ([oecd.org](http://oecd.org)) and OECD Health Expenditures and Financing ([stats.oecd.org](http://stats.oecd.org))

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# Health Spending Per Capita By Country

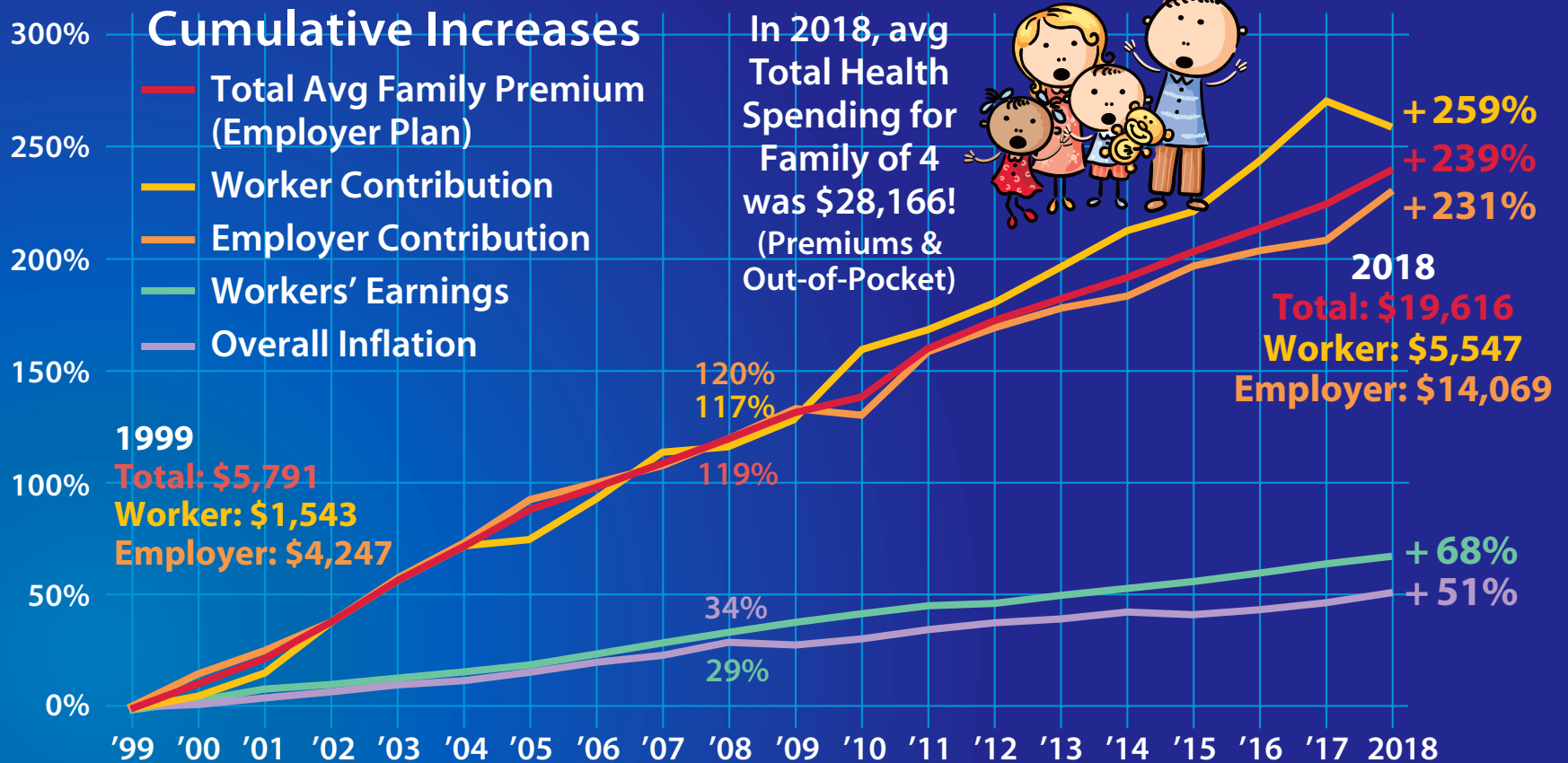


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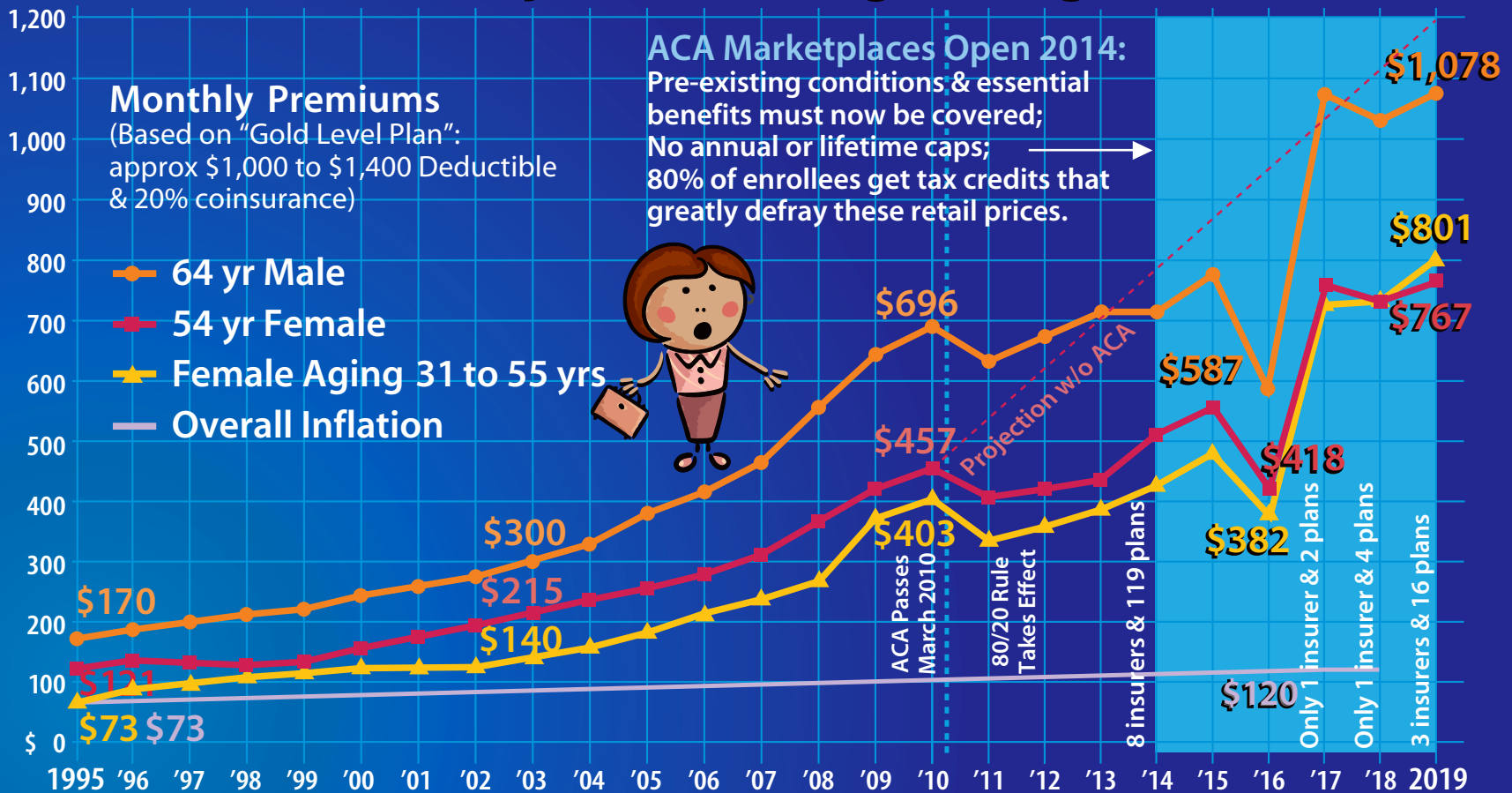
# Runaway Health Premiums Eat Away At Wages & Burden Employers



Source: Kaiser/HRET Employer Health Benefits Survey, Oct 3, 2018, Figures 5 & 2 ([kff.org](http://kff.org))  
 Family of 4 avg total health spending: 2018 Milliman Medical Index, May 2018 ([milliman.com](http://milliman.com))

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# Individual Plan Health Premiums: Costs Were Skyrocketing Long Before ACA



Source for 1995-2013: Blue Cross Rate Sheets for Preferred PPO, Pima County AZ, \$1,000 Deductible & 20% Coinsurance  
 Source for 2014-2018: **Healthcare.gov** for Pima County AZ, Gold Plan: \$1,000 to \$1,400 Deductible

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# U.S. Prices Are Too Darn High!



## HOSPITAL STAY (1-DAY)

**\$5,220**  
USA avg

**\$765**  
AUSTRALIA

**\$2,142**

**NEW ZEALAND**

**\$155**  
USA

**\$74**  
CANADA

**\$38**  
GERMANY

**ADVAIR (30-DAY SUPPLY)**

## CORONARY BYPASS

**\$78,318**  
USA avg

**\$24,059**  
U.K.

**\$32,480**  
NEW ZEALAND

## HIP REPLACE

**\$29,067**  
USA avg

**\$6,757**  
SPAIN

**\$16,335**  
U.K.

## MRI SCAN

**\$1,119**  
USA avg

**\$215**  
AUSTRALIA

**\$503**  
SWITZERLAND

## BABY DELIVERY

**\$10,808**  
USA avg

**\$1,950**  
SPAIN

**\$5,312**  
AUSTRALIA

Because U.S. has a wide range of prices for same procedures, average prices are shown here; Dollars are \$US

Sources: International Federation of Health Plans, "2015 Comparative Price Report," July 19, 2016 (ifhnp.com)

"The U.S. Pays a Lot More for Top Drugs than Other Countries," *Bloomberg News*, Dec 18, 2015 (bloomberg.com)

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# Curing Diseases Is Bad For Business

Goldman Sachs asks in biotech research report: 'Is curing patients a sustainable business model?'

Updated 7:20 PM ET Wed, 11 April 2018



“There ain’t no money in the cure; the money’s in the medicine.

That’s how you get paid — on the comeback. That’s how a drug dealer makes his money — on the comeback.”

— *Chris Rock*

# ACCESS

Before ACA



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LOSE  
YOUR JOB;  
LOSE YOUR  
COVERAGE

PRE-EXISTING  
CONDITION  
EXCLUSIONS

OUT OF  
NETWORK

CRAZY  
HIGH  
DEDUCTIBLE  
PLANS

COVERAGE  
GAPS

PRICED  
OUT OF  
MARKET

LIFETIME  
& ANNUAL  
CAPS

POLICY  
RESCISSIONS  
& CLAIM  
DENIALS

SMALL  
BUSINESS  
PURGING

ACA plugged some of  
the worst holes, but more work to be done!

For more on this topic, see Wendell Potter, *Deadly Spin: An insurance company insider speaks out on how corporate PR is killing health care and deceiving Americans*, 2010

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# ACA Banned Cherry-Picking Only The Healthy

# DENIED!



“We at Big Insurance will even kick sick children to the curb, but we pay a nice juicy dividend to our shareholders (aka our real customers). At least *our* death panels turn a profit. The more people and claims we deny and delay, the more money we make. **The system works for us!**”



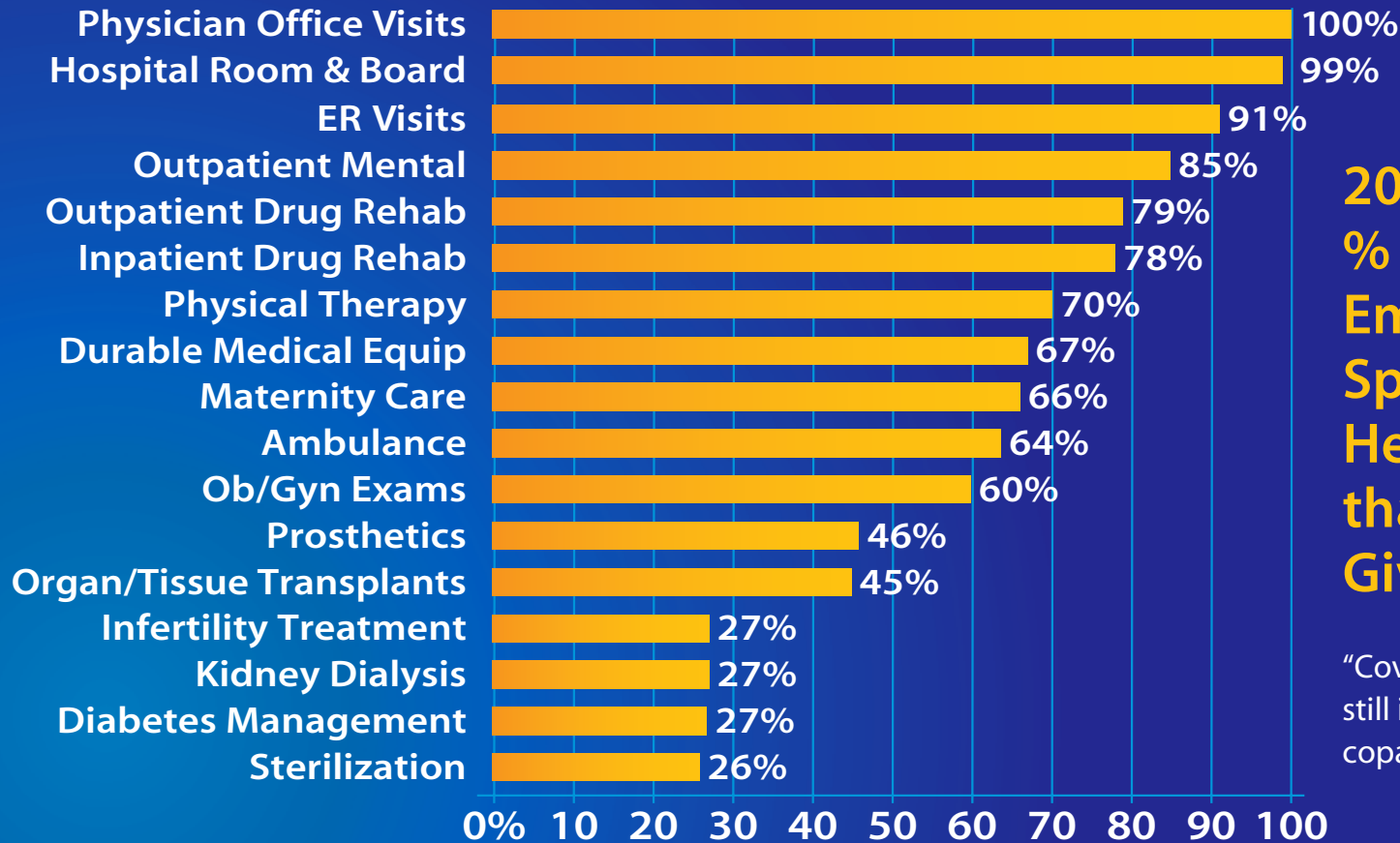
**20%–25%  
Drain:**

Admin, Ads, Profits,  
Excessive Executive  
Pay & Bonuses

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# Read The Fine Print: Before ACA, Having Insurance $\neq$ Having Coverage



**2011:**  
**% of Private  
Employer-  
Sponsored  
Health Plans  
that Cover a  
Given Service**

"Covered," benefits often  
still involve deductibles,  
copays and cost-sharing

Source: "What Health Insurance Does Cover, and Doesn't," *New York Times*, April 20, 2011 ([NYTimes.com](http://NYTimes.com))

Based on a report on employer-sponsored health insurance coverage from the Department of Labor

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**Before ACA**

**50,000,000**

**in U.S. Had No Health Insurance**

**44,000/yr**

**Died Because of Lack of Insurance**

**600,000/yr**

**Went Bankrupt Due to Medical Bills**



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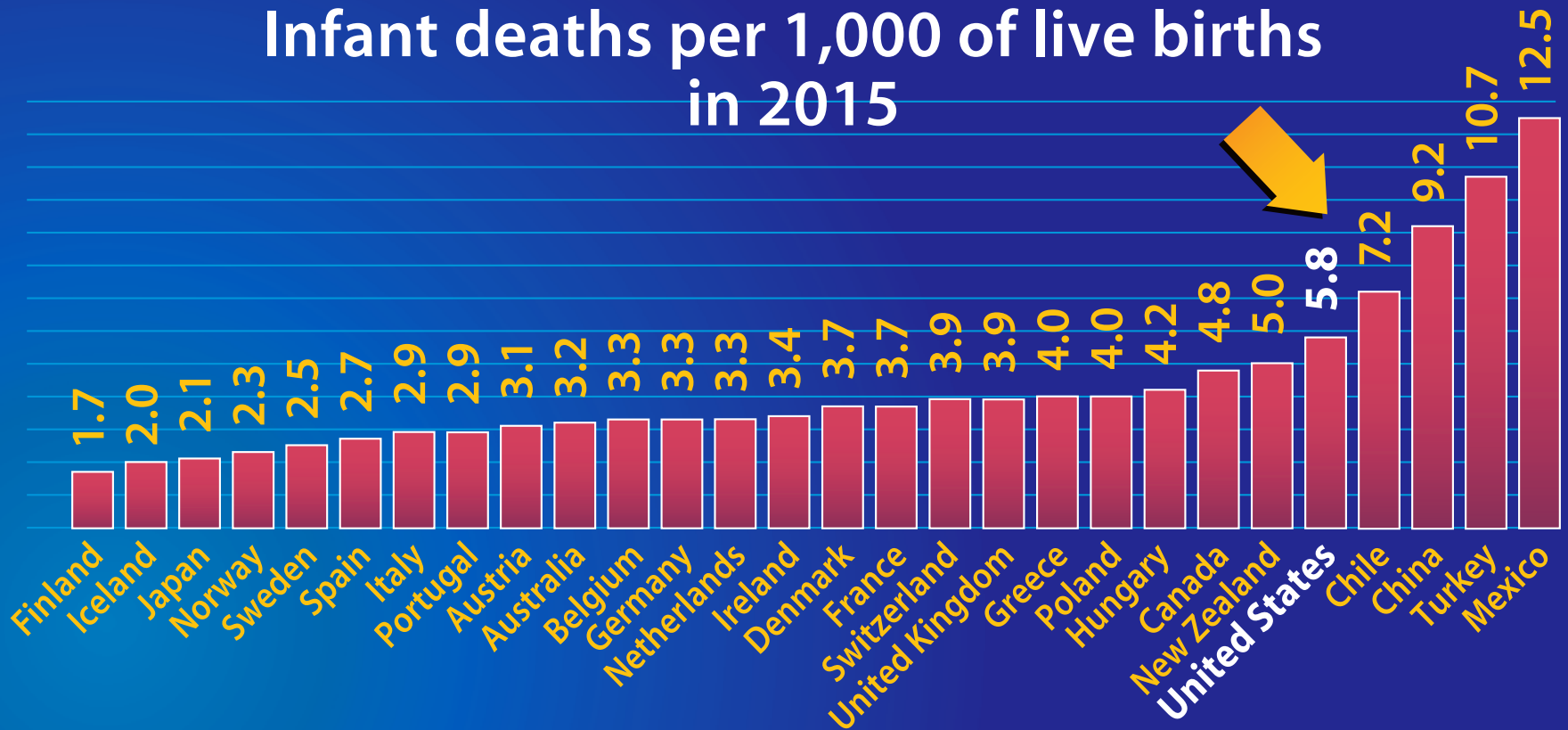
Sources: Uninsured–U.S. Census Bureau Report 2011 ([census.gov](http://census.gov)); Deaths – “Health Insurance and Mortality in US Adults,” *American Journal of Public Health*, Dec 2009; Bankruptcies – “Medical Bankruptcy in the U.S. 2007,” *American Journal of Medicine*, Aug 2009

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# U.S. Spends The Most, But Has High Infant Mortality Rate

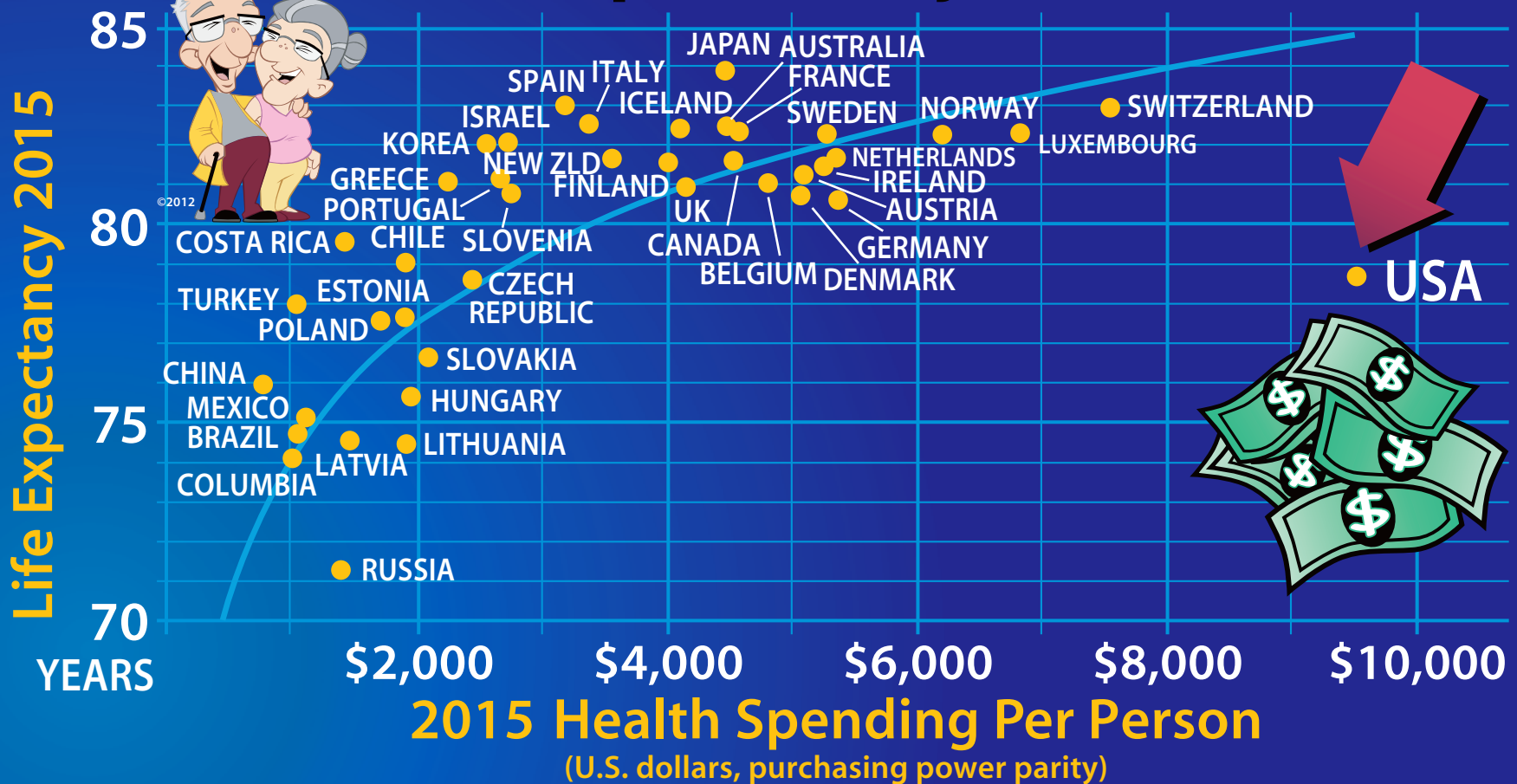
Infant deaths per 1,000 of live births  
in 2015



Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation Development, *Health at a Glance 2017*, pg 59 ([oecd.org](http://oecd.org))

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# U.S. Spends The Most, But Has Lower Life Expectancy Than Peers



Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation Development, *Health at a Glance 2017*, pg 49 ([oecd.org](http://oecd.org))

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# Current U.S. Healthcare “Crazy Quilt” Is Complex, Costly And Cruel

**\$3.3**  
**TRILLION**  
**SPENT IN 2016**  
= 18% of economy;  
2/3 is tax-financed

**\$10**  
**THOUSAND**  
**PER PERSON**  
= more than twice  
the OECD avg

**\$50**  
**TRILLION**  
**2019-2028**  
estimated cost  
over next decade

**\$19.6**  
**THOUSAND**  
**2018 PREMIUM**  
employer family plan  
(employee paid 28%)

**\$500**  
**BILLION**  
**PAPERWORK**  
waste per year due  
to too many payers

**31**  
**MILLION**  
**UNINSURED**  
and millions more  
underinsured (2017)

**28**  
**THOUSAND**  
**UNINSURED DIE**  
per year due to  
lack of insurance

**600**  
**THOUSAND**  
**GO BANKRUPT**  
per year due to  
medical bills



Sources: Health Financing – [stats.oecd.org](https://stats.oecd.org); Uninsured Rate and Employer Plan Premium – [kff.org](https://kff.org)

Deaths – Extrapolated from *Amer. Journal of Public Health*, Dec 2009; Bankruptcies – *Amer. Journal of Medicine*, Aug 2009

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# GOP-CARE

*It's Coupon-Care!*

"It's a vision that says America can't afford to keep the promise we've made to care for our seniors. It says that ten years from now, if you're a 65-year-old who's eligible for Medicare, you should have to pay nearly \$6,400 more than you would today. It says instead of guaranteed health care, you will get a voucher. And if that voucher isn't worth enough to buy insurance, tough luck — you're on your own."

**"Put simply, it ends Medicare as we know it."**

— President Obama (April 2011)



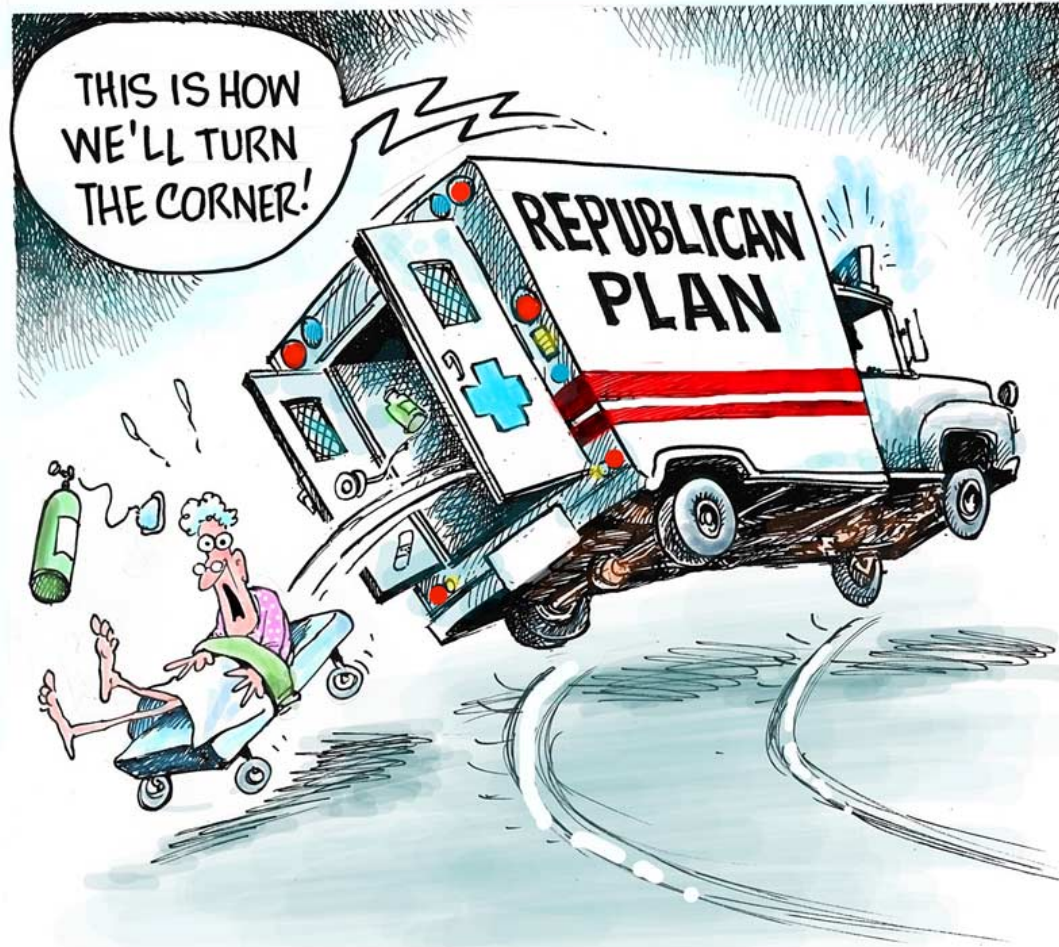
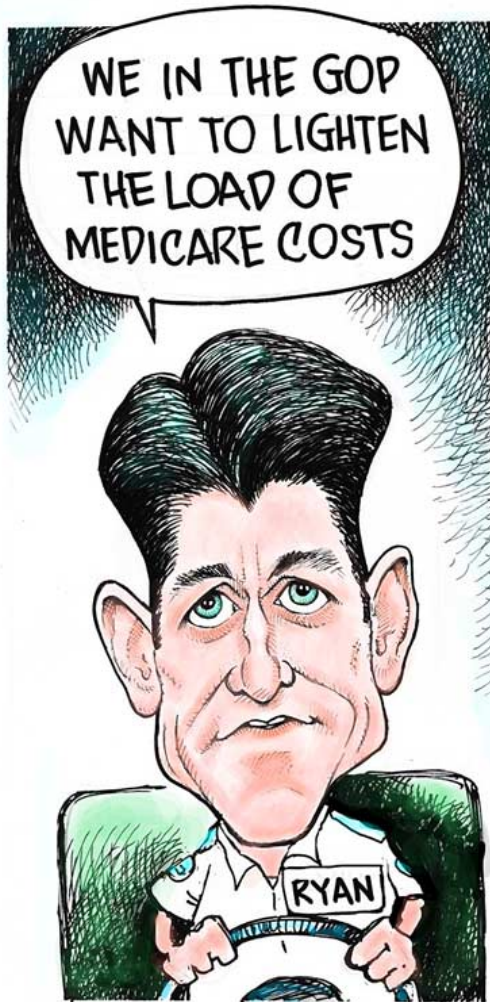
## Cost Shifting Is No Solution

Source: "Premium Support Is the Wrong Direction for Medicare," AARP Public Policy Institute, Oct 2017 ([aarp.org](http://aarp.org))

Note: See cartoon on this theme on the color slides

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Cost Shift ≠ Solution



# GOP Myths & Non-Solutions

## 1 Death Panels: Govt Bureaucrats Ration Care

- It's profit-obsessed private insurers who regularly deny people and claims.

## 2 Buy Insurance Across State Lines

- Race-to-bottom to avoid even meager state regulations.

## 3 Everyone Gets Care: Just Go To ER!

- ER only mandated to stabilize patient: No chemo in the ER!
- Most expensive care: Leads to bankruptcies and cost shifting.

## 4 High-Risk Pools For Sick People

- Premiums way too high, govt subsidies grossly inadequate, coverage skimpy

## 5 Health Savings Accts & Even Higher Deductibles

- Only suited for relatively wealthy and healthy with extra disposable income.

## 6 Tort Reform For "Crisis Of Junk Lawsuits"

- Defensive medicine = only 1% to 2% of total health spending.
- Capping damages at \$250,000 limits patient protection and victims' rights.



For more on this topic: David Sirota, *Hostile Takeover: How Big Money & Corruption Conquered Our Government – And How We Take It Back*, 2007, pgs 154-204

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# 5% → 50%

of Patients      of Costs



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Figuring out how to  
take care of the chronically sick  
is the trillion dollar question.  
Preventive care, coordinated care,  
education, and getting everyone  
insured will help decrease costs.



Source: U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services, Medical Expenditure Panel Survey,  
Statistical Brief #455, Oct 2014 ([meps.ahrq.gov](http://meps.ahrq.gov))

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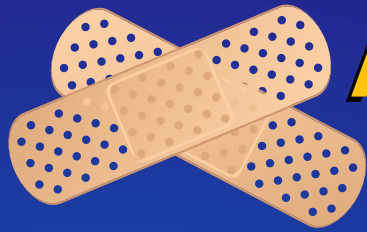
# March 2010: Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (aka ACA)

## Provisions In Effect Since 2010 (or 2014)

- 1 Preventive Services Must Be Free (No Copay/Deductible)
- 2 Young Adults Under 26 Yrs Eligible To Stay On Parents' Policy
- 3 Banned Policy Cancellations When You Get Sick
- 4 Banned Lifetime Caps & Gradually Phased Out Annual Caps By 2014
- 5 Banned Pre-Existing Condition Discrimination:  
Began in 2010 for Children Under 19 Yrs  
Began in 2014 for Everyone Else



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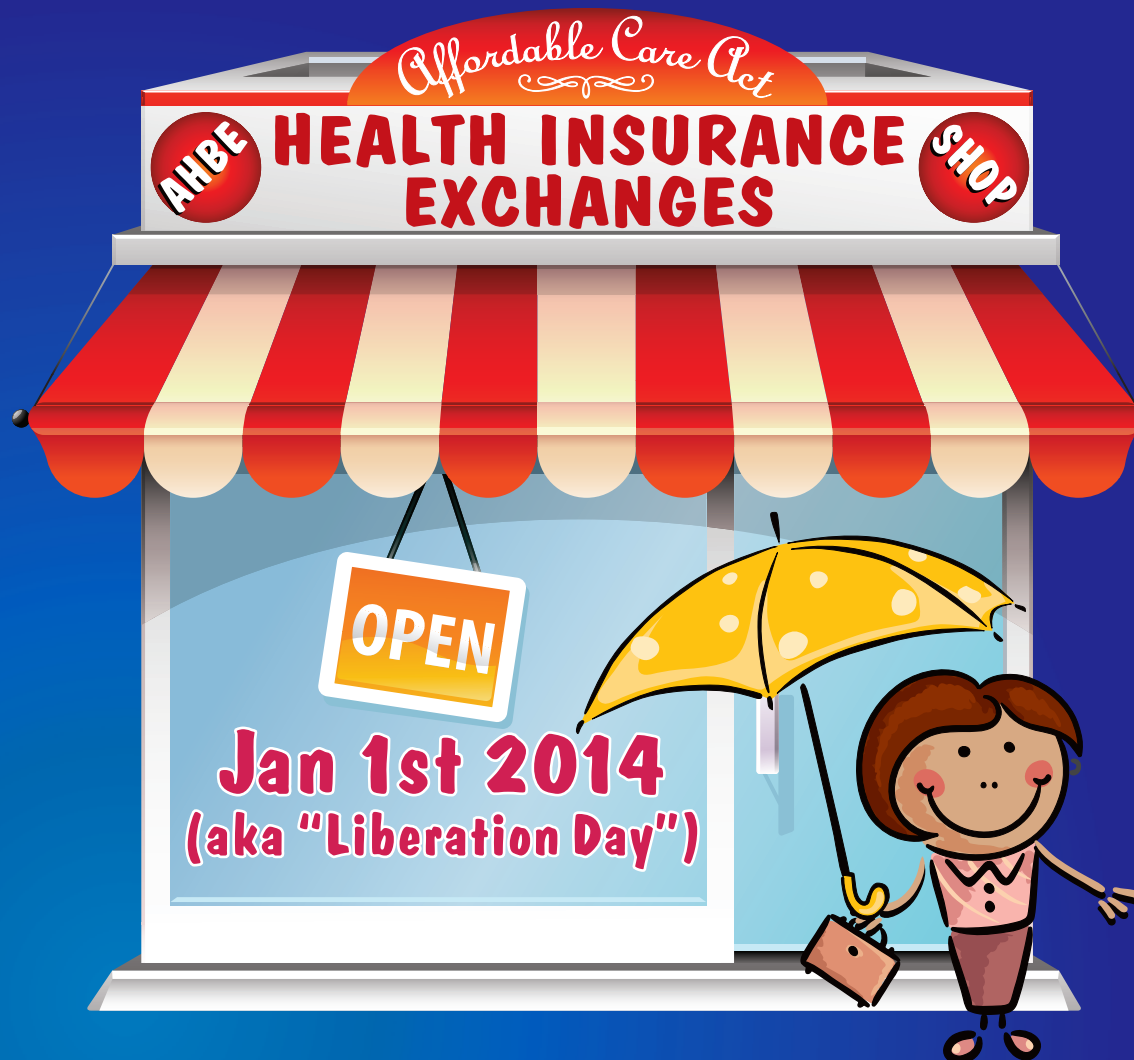
# ACA: But Wait, There's More!

## Other Provisions Since 2010 (or 2014)

- 6 At Least 80% Of Premium Dollars (85% In Large Group Plans) Must Be Spent On Actual Health Services
- 7 Small Biz Health Insurance: 35% Tax Credits (50% In 2014)
- 8 50% Discount For Seniors Who Fall Into Rx Drug "Donut Hole"; Closes Hole By 2020
- 9 2014: Medicaid Expansion and Tax Credits for Individuals & Families to Buy Private Insurance



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- Companies Compete For Your Business: Easy Comparison Shopping
- Policies Must Meet Minimum Standards (No Junk Allowed!)
- Individuals, Families & Small Biz Welcome
- No Discrimination Based On Health Status, Gender, Job, Etc.\*

\*Rates can vary only by Geography, Age (3:1) & Tobacco Use (1.5:1)



GUARANTEED ISSUE MANDATE TO INSURANCE CO'S

**END  
PRE-EXISTING  
CONDITION  
DISCRIMINATION**

# It's All Connected:

## Why Piecemeal Doesn't Work

**NEED TAX  
REVENUES**

**FREE-  
RIDER  
PROBLEM**

**GOVT  
SUBSIDIES**

**INDIVIDUAL  
MANDATE**



Or go Medicare-For-All:  
Pay for healthcare like we  
pay for roads and military —  
through the tax system.



# THE ONE-SIDED MANDATE

## Just Shifts Costs To Others

1986 Federal mandate that ERs provide stabilizing treatment to everyone regardless of ability to pay shifts costs of unpaid services for the uninsured to hospitals, which then shift the costs to the insured.



Cost Shift = Avg \$1,000/yr Per Family

Began Jan 1, 2014

# ACA Tickets To Free- Ride

**FREE-RIDE**

**ANNUAL TAX PENALTY: Greater of...**  
2014: \$95/adult or 1% of income  
2015: \$325/adult or 2% of income  
2016: \$695/adult or 2.5% of income  
**Children under 18 yrs are half-price**

\*Exemptions for religious objections or if cost of insurance exceeds 8.0% of annual income after subsidies; No penalty if uninsured less than 3 months of year.

**INDIVIDUAL**

GOP made penalty \$0 starting 2019 (effectively repealing it)

## Responsibility Mandates

**FREE-RIDE**

**ANNUAL TAX PENALTY:**  
**\$2,000 per Full-Time Employee**

\*Exemption for small businesses with fewer than 50 employees. Subtract first 30 employees from payment calculation.

**EMPLOYER**

Began Jan 1, 2015 for +100 employees & Jan 1, 2016 for 50-99 employees.

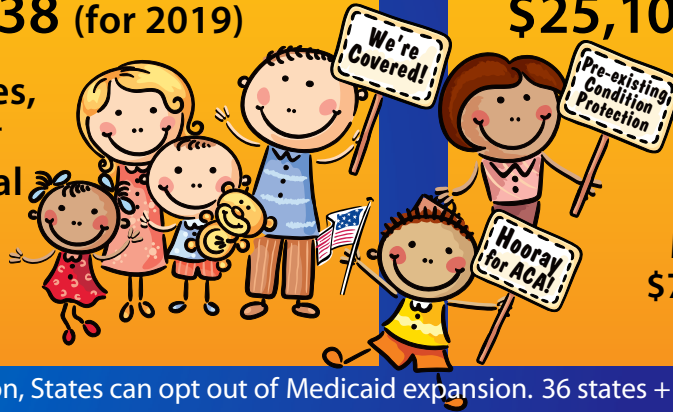
# Affordable Care Act: Help With Access & Affordability

## Began Jan 1, 2014

**Expands Medicaid Eligibility  
(Program For Low-Income)  
Up To 138% Federal Poverty Level**

**Individuals with incomes  
below \$16,753 (for 2019)  
Families (of four) with incomes  
below \$34,638 (for 2019)**

To avoid burdening States,  
expansion of Medicaid\*  
100% financed by Federal  
govt 2014 thru 2016.  
Then phases down to  
90% by 2020.



**Sliding Scale Of Tax Credits  
For Low- & Middle-Income  
100% To 400% Federal Poverty Level**

**Individuals with incomes  
\$12,140 to \$48,560 (for 2019)  
Families (of four) with incomes  
\$25,100 to \$100,400 (for 2019)**

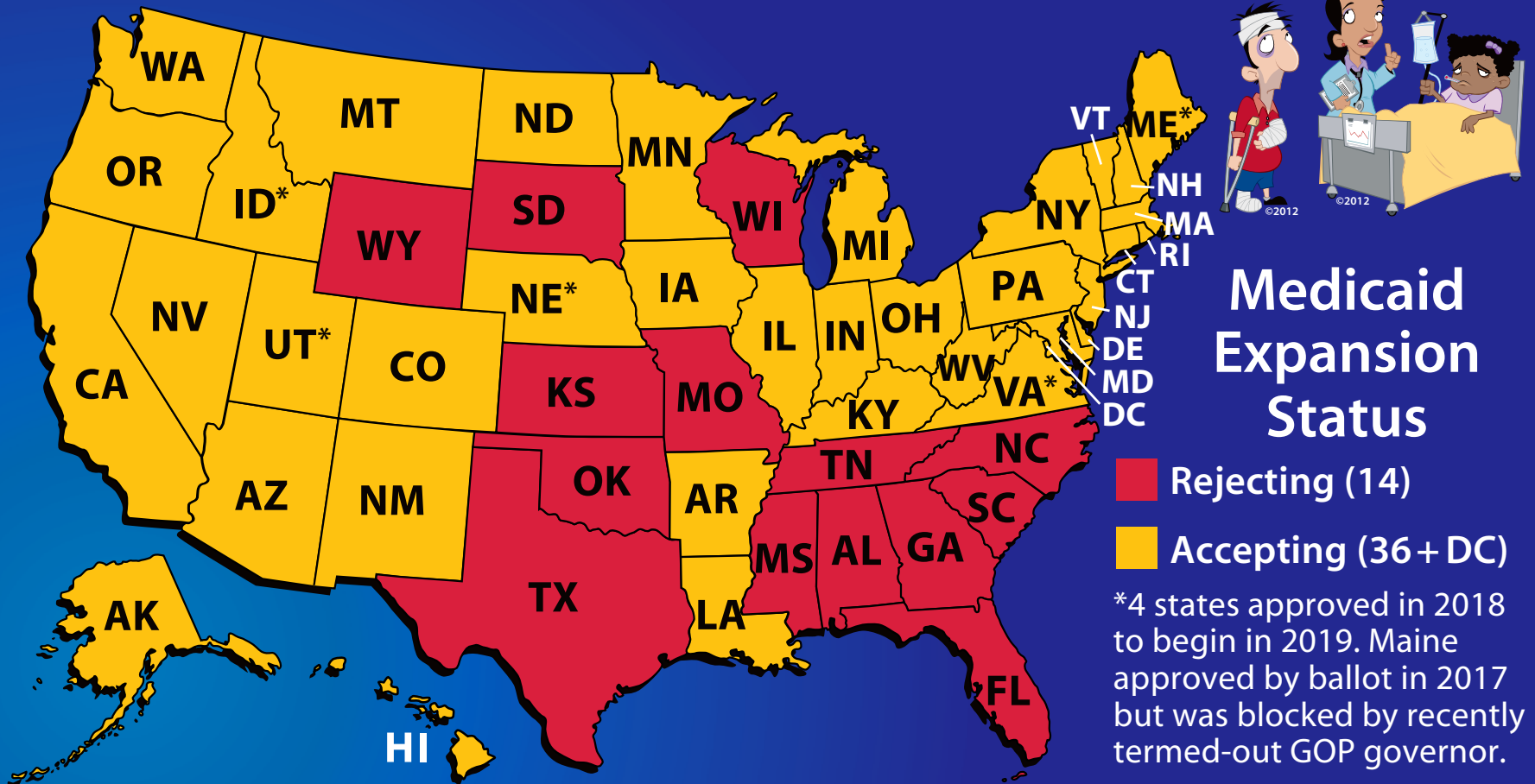
These households will pay as  
little as 2.08% and no more than  
9.86% of income to buy mid-level  
insurance on the exchanges.  
Max out-of-pocket costs capped at  
\$7,900/individual and \$15,800/family  
or lower (2019).

\*Per Supreme Court June 2012 decision, States can opt out of Medicaid expansion. 36 states + D.C. have opted into the expansion as of Nov 2018.

For more details: Kaiser Family Foundation, "Summary of the Affordable Care Act," April 23, 2013 ([kff.org](http://kff.org))

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# GOP Blocking Medicaid Expansion In 14 States — Where Most Needed



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, as of Nov 26, 2018 ([kff.org](http://kff.org))

Per Supreme Court June 2012 decision, states can opt out of Medicaid expansion. In 2014, 25 states opted out.

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# ACA Tax Credits For Health Insurance Premiums = Fed Govt Pays Balance of Premium

**TABLE 1: Incomes as Percentage of 2018 Federal Poverty Level (FPL)**

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	100% FPL	138% FPL	150% FPL	200% FPL	250% FPL	300% FPL	350% FPL	400% FPL
1	\$12,140	\$16,753	\$18,210	\$24,280	\$30,350	\$36,420	\$42,490	\$48,560
2	\$16,460	\$22,715	\$24,690	\$32,920	\$41,150	\$49,380	\$57,610	\$65,840
3	\$20,780	\$28,676	\$31,170	\$41,560	\$51,950	\$62,340	\$72,730	\$83,120
4	\$25,100	\$34,638	\$37,650	\$50,200	\$62,750	\$75,300	\$87,850	\$100,400
5	\$29,420	\$40,600	\$44,130	\$58,840	\$73,550	\$88,260	\$102,970	\$117,680

In 32 states + D.C. opting in, households below 138% of FPL will qualify for Medicaid expansion instead.

**TABLE 2: Maximum Monthly Premium You Pay For Benchmark Silver Plan**  
(Federal govt pays any balance of non-smoker Silver premium owed to insurance co.)

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	100% FPL	138% FPL	150% FPL	200% FPL	250% FPL	300% FPL	350% FPL	400% FPL
Based on 2018 FPLs above, which will be used for 2019 subsidies. Rounded to nearest dollar here.	Based on Max Annual Premium You Pay as a % of Your Household Income							
	2.08%	3.42%	4.15%	6.54%	8.36%	9.86%	9.86%	9.86%
	1	\$21 /mo	\$48 /mo	\$63 /mo	\$132 /mo	\$211 /mo	\$299 /mo	\$399 /mo
	2	\$29 /mo	\$65 /mo	\$85 /mo	\$179 /mo	\$287 /mo	\$406 /mo	\$541 /mo
	3	\$36 /mo	\$82 /mo	\$108 /mo	\$227 /mo	\$362 /mo	\$512 /mo	\$683 /mo
	4	\$44 /mo	\$99 /mo	\$130 /mo	\$274 /mo	\$437 /mo	\$619 /mo	\$825 /mo
5	\$51 /mo	\$116 /mo	\$153 /mo	\$321 /mo	\$512 /mo	\$725 /mo	\$846 /mo	\$967 /mo

For general informational purposes only; provided without warranty or guarantee. Consult Marketplace at HealthCare.gov.

Sources: Incomes as % of FPL ([FamiliesUSA.org](http://FamiliesUSA.org)); Premium calculator ([kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator](http://kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator))

For more details: Kaiser Family Foundation, "Summary of the Affordable Care Act," April 23, 2013 ([kff.org](http://kff.org))

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# Marketplace Plans: The Metal Levels

Plan Type	Plan Pays % of Total Covered Expenses (on Avg) = Actuarial Value	Consumer Pays for Deductibles, Co-pays & Coinsurance (on Average)
Platinum	90%	10%
Gold	80%	20%
Silver	70%	30%
Bronze	60%	40%

Higher Premiums  
& Lower Consumer  
Cost-Sharing



Lower Premiums  
& Higher Consumer  
Cost-Sharing

Max out-of-pocket annual limit of \$7,900 individual / \$15,800 family  
(excluding premiums). Lower for households < 250% FPL

100% to 250% FPL also Eligible for Cost-Sharing Subsidies to Reduce Out-of-Pocket Costs.  
Must enroll in Silver plan for cost-sharing subsidies.

For more details: Kaiser Family Foundation, "Summary of the Affordable Care Act," April 23, 2013 ([kff.org](http://kff.org))

Premium calculator: [kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator](http://kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator); FPL = Federal Poverty Level

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# ACA Provisions Very Popular

(Note: ACA = ObamaCare)

% Support

<b>Can stay on parents' insurance until age 26</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>Insurance exchanges to compare prices &amp; benefits</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>Govt financial assistance to help buy coverage</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Closes donut hole in Medicare Rx drug plans</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>No out-of-pocket costs on preventive services</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>Medicaid expansion to cover more low income people</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Large employer mandate to provide health insurance</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Bans pre-existing condition discrimination</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Increases Medicare payroll tax on high incomes</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Favorable opinion of ACA/ObamaCare overall</b>	<b>53%</b>

Source: Health Tracking Poll: Nov 28, 2018, Kaiser Family Foundation ([kff.org](http://kff.org))

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# JUSTICE

## For All?



**“(The Affordable Care Act) should extend insurance coverage to millions of Americans who are uninsured now and end some of the insurance companies’ harsher practices. But the sad truth is that, even with this ambitious reform, the United States will still have the most complicated, the most expensive, and the most inequitable health care system of any developed nation.”**



# U.S. Healthcare Is No Marketplace

**“(We) are powerless buyers in a seller’s market where the only sure thing is the profit of the sellers.”**



“Unless you are protected by Medicare, the health care market is not a market at all. It’s a crapshoot. People fare differently according to circumstances they can neither control nor predict... (T)hey have little visibility into pricing, let alone control of it... They have no idea what their bills mean, and those who maintain the chargemasters couldn’t explain them if they wanted to.”

**— Steven Brill, “The Bitter Pill”**



# Medicare-For-All: Healthcare Is A Right

- 1 Universal & Comprehensive:** Enhances and extends Medicare to all.
- 2 Simple & Cost-Effective:** Ends maze of for-profit insurance costs, medical bills/debt; Negotiates lower drug prices.
- 3 Freedom & Choice:** Go to any doctor or hospital in the entire U.S.
- 4 Good for Business:** Gets insurance burden off backs of businesses; Frees entrepreneurs from job lock.
- 5 Big Savings for 95% of Americans**



# Trump/Ryan/GOP “WealthCare”

## 24 Million Low/Mid-Income Lose Coverage

2017-2026



Ends Medicaid Expansion & Guts Original Medicaid Thru Fed Caps –(\$ 880 B)

Skimpier Insurance Premium Tax Credits (\$361 B instead of \$673 B) –(\$ 312 B)

Hits older, lower-income, rural and sick Americans especially hard;  
Ends cost-sharing subsidies that help lower deductibles, co-pays

Ends Small-Employer Tax Credits

–(\$ 6 B)

## Wealthy Get **HUGE** Tax Breaks

2017-2026



Repeals 0.9% Add. Medicare Payroll Tax on High Incomes

–(\$ 117 B)

Repeals 3.8% Capital Gains Medicare Tax on High Incomes

–(\$ 158 B)

>\$200,000 single/>\$250,000 married currently subject to Medicare payroll tax of 3.8% instead of 2.9%; includes investment income over that threshold.  
Medicare Part A (Hospital) Trust Fund will run out 3 yrs earlier (by 2025)

Repeals Taxes on Big Insurance, Big Pharma & Medical Device Cos.

–(\$ 189 B)

Repeals Insurance Mandate (Individual = \$38 B; Employer = \$171 B)

–(\$ 209 B)

More Tax Deductions for Health Savings & Flexible Spending Accts

–(\$ 37 B)

(in \$ Billions)

Source: Congressional Budget Office, “Cost Estimate: American Health Care Act,” Mar 13, 2017,  
Table 2 (pgs 32-33) ([cbo.gov](http://cbo.gov))

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## Single Individual With Annual Income of **\$26,500** in 2026

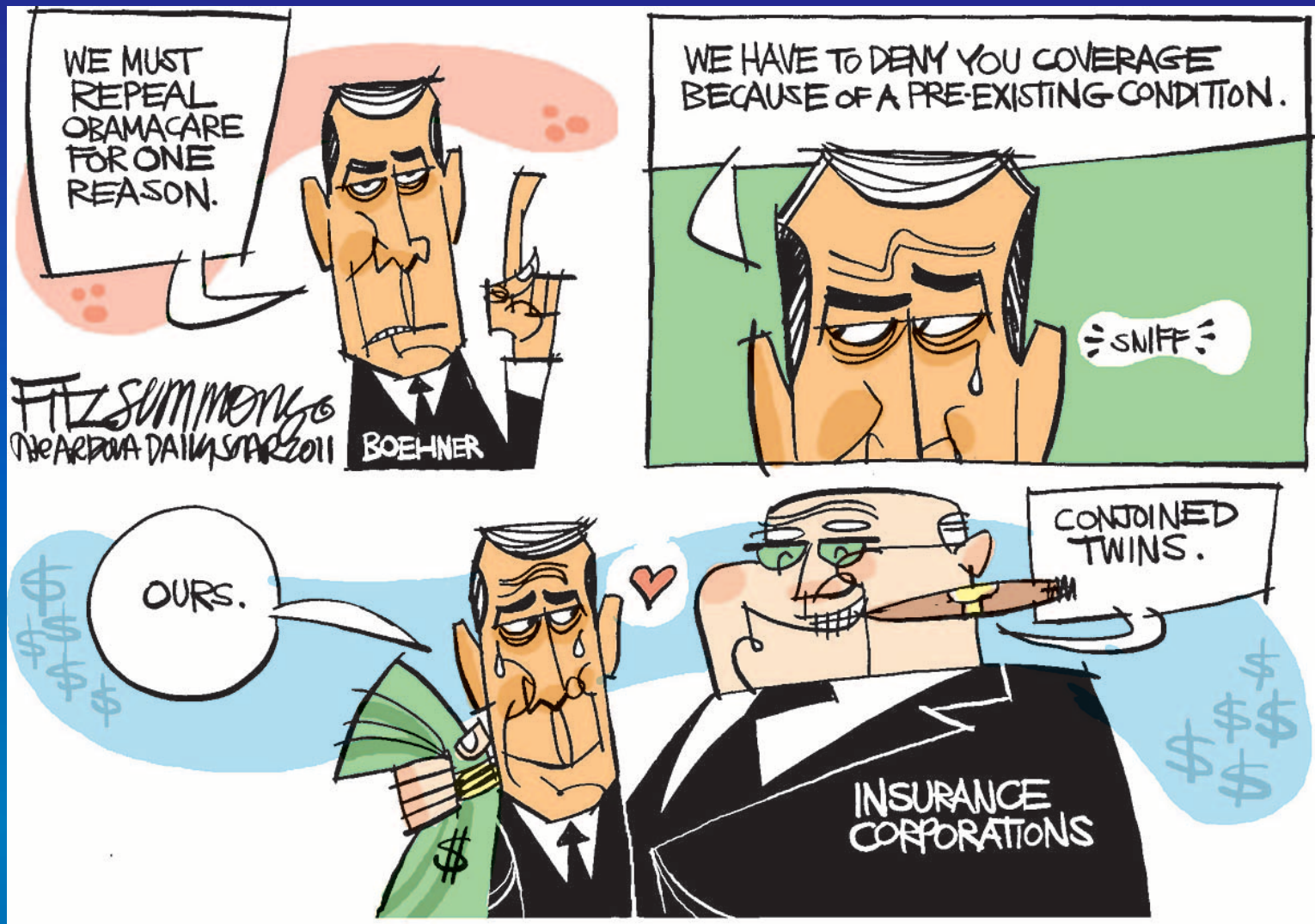
Age	Annual Retail Premium	Premium Tax Credit	Net Premium Paid by Enrollee (and as % of income)	Actuarial Value of Plan (higher % is better)
House GOP Plan = AHCA (aka Ryan/TrumpCare)				
21 yr old	\$3,900	\$2,450	\$1,450 (= 5.5%)	65% = Bronze** HIGH deductible, co-pays, co-ins.
40 yr old	\$6,050	\$3,650	\$2,400 (= 9.1%)	
64 yr old	\$19,500*	\$4,900	\$14,600 (= 55.1%)	
Senate GOP Plan = BCRA (aka McConnell/TrumpCare)				
21 yr old	\$4,100	\$1,900	\$2,200 (= 8.3%)	70% = Silver** MEDIUM deductible, co-pays, co-insur.
40 yr old	\$6,400	\$3,400	\$3,000 (= 11.3%)	
64 yr old	\$20,500*	\$14,000	\$6,500 (= 24.5%)	
Current Law = ACA (aka ObamaCare)				
21 yr old	\$5,100	\$3,400	\$1,700 (= 6.4%)	87% = Gold** LOW deductible, co-pays, co-insur.
40 yr old	\$6,500	\$4,800	\$1,700 (= 6.4%)	
64 yr old	\$15,300*	\$13,600	\$1,700 (= 6.4%)	
Medicare-For-All (= Single-Payer)				100% Covered No cost-sharing
Household pays 3.0% of income (employer payroll tax) \$795 (= 3.0%)				



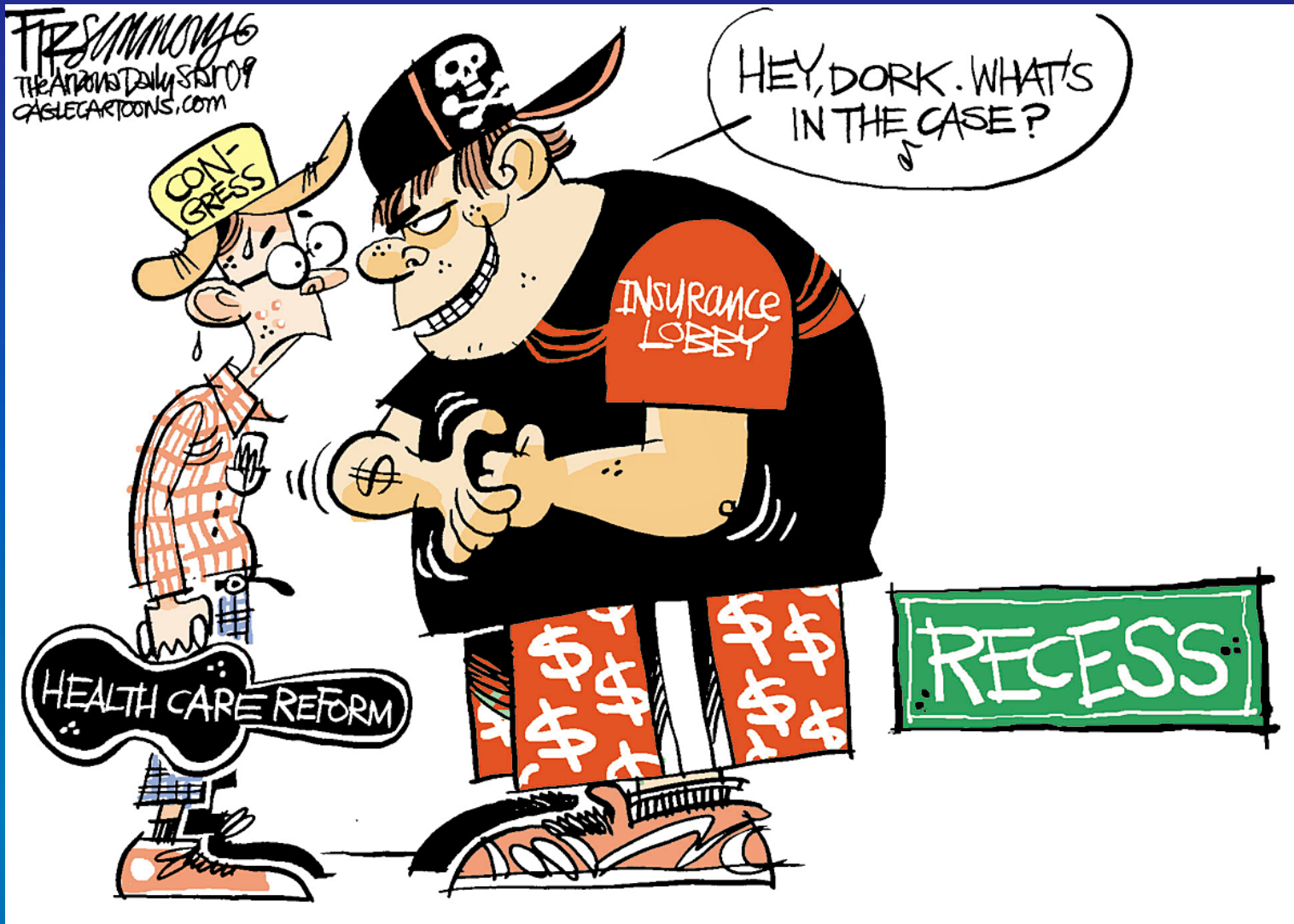
\*GOP Plans allow insurance co. to charge 64yr old 5x more than 21yr old (ACA capped this at 3x more).  
 \*\*GOP Plans end ACA cost-sharing subsidies that lower deductibles, co-pays, co-insur. for 100% to 250% FPL.

Sources: Congressional Budget Office, Cost Estimate of AHCA, Mar 13, 2017, Table 4 (pg 34);  
 Cost Estimate of BCRA, June 26, 2017, Table 5 (pg 48) ([cbo.gov](http://.cbo.gov)); Medicare-For-All calculator ([hcfat.org](http://hcfat.org))

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# Medicare-For-All: Action Plan!

## 1 Learn More: Resources

ConnectTheDotsUSA.com: Medicare-For-All presentation  
Kaiser Family Foundation: [kff.org](http://kff.org) (general health data)  
Physicians for a National Health Program: [pnhp.org](http://pnhp.org)  
HealthOverProfit.org and [hcfat.org](http://hcfat.org) (HR 676 Calculator)  
[FixItHealthcare.com](http://FixItHealthcare.com)

## 2 Show Up: Push Medicare-For-All Into The Debate



## 3 Litmus Test: Must Pledge To Co-Sponsor Medicare-For-All For Your Vote; Support [JusticeDemocrats.com](http://JusticeDemocrats.com) Candidates

Other Resources: Compare health care systems around the world: [international.commonwealthfund.org](http://international.commonwealthfund.org)

T.R. Reid, *The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care*, 2010

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**“For God’s sake — every single other industrialized country in the entire world has universal health care. Why can’t we?**

**How many more people have to die?**

**How many more sacrifices on the altar of Almighty Greed?**

**Any health care system that denies necessary care on the basis of wealth is evil. It doesn’t matter how you micromanage it, or tinker with it. It’s evil... End of story.”**

**— Former U.S. Representative Alan Grayson**

Former Rep. Alan Grayson quote from email of Jan 4, 2012

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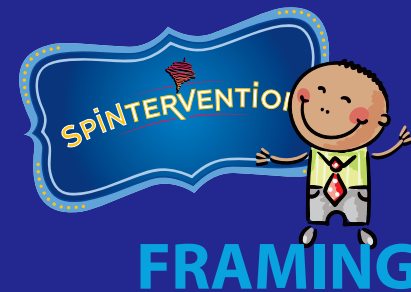
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