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## Health care bill meets GOP skeptics in Senate

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Republicans have said that the [bill](#) will be scored by the CBO and other fixes will be made before the Senate votes. “We are still going to be required, legally and morally, to treat them”. About 80 percent of people newly insured receive the help, but people making **more** than \$47,500 and families of four earning **more** than \$97,200 don’t qualify.

“I went through two years of campaigning and I’m telling you, no matter where I went, people were suffering so badly with the ravages of Obamacare”, Trump said. This Kaiser Family Foundation [interactive map](#) shows how the change would play out across the country.

The admissions echo criticism levied against Democrats when the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, was passed seven years ago. The Georgia

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congressman said he has never “seen legislative action that reveals such clear disdain for the human dignity of the **most** vulnerable among us”.

[Reports](#) of the Affordable Care Act’s death are greatly exaggerated. It’s likely to take place over the course of several years, in a sequence of events affecting tens of millions of people.

History repeated itself Thursday, as Republicans squeezed out a narrow “win” on a *new* version of the bill in the full House, losing 20 of their own members, not getting a single Democrat.

The Medicaid expansion will be rolled back, throwing millions of poor people off the rolls, and Medicaid itself will be cut by \$880 billion over the next decade. But the biggest problem with all the cheering is not that “repeal and replace” is not a done deal. Insurers won a provision they had long sought: The ability to charge older Americans up to five **times more** than young people. “This thing is going to go to the [United States Senate](#)”.

Those under age 30 would also get a refundable **tax** credit of up to \$2,000 to offset the cost of their premiums, as long as their income doesn’t exceed \$215,000 for an individual. Like President Barack Obama’s promise to Americans in 2010 – “If you’ve got a doctor that you like, you will be able to keep your doctor” – President Trump’s assurance that coverage for pre-existing conditions in the GOP bill will ensure that no one gets knocked off the rolls is a bit of a stretch. Missouri Health Care for All also spoke out against this bill. In [waiver](#) states, insurers could reduce covered benefits for everyone, by imposing lifetime limits on coverage and eliminating essential medical care (like prescription drug coverage) that is now mandated in the ACA.

Pricey mandated coverage that, before Obamacare, insurers were loathe to offer – for emergency services, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, maternity care – would be up to the states; as premiums soar, **most** would drop it. She cast the House’s 218th and deciding vote for the bill, which went on to become law.

Opponents say the bill doesn’t put almost enough funding into those high-risk pools, and premiums for unhealthy Americans will skyrocket.



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