

The Freedom Caucus Plan to Repeal Obamacare

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The repeal of Obamacare is a Constitutional issue. Government does not belong in a free-market. Government interference in the housing market caused its collapse and government interference in the health insurance market will cause its collapse as well. “In reality, the pre-existing condition problem is the result of government intervention — both pre-and post-Obamacare. Thanks to years of state and federal regulations promulgated by the government-sponsored monopoly on health care and health insurance, there is no market to take care of pre-existing conditions. Moreover, the lack of a national, portable insurance market untethered from government-induced employer-based insurance has prevented people from purchasing lifelong, portable plans when they are younger,” according to an [article by Daniel Horowitz](#)

The repeal of Obamacare is a promise issue. President Trump promised the American people he would repeal Obamacare not give us what Mark Levin has coined RINOCare—Repeal In Name Only. The President is known for his “Art of the Deal.” Paul Ryan refused to give him a bill he could “deal” with. This refusal has resulted in lots of finger pointing generally in the direction of conservative Congressmen trying to help Trump fulfill that promise. Once again, the old saying, “No good deed goes unpunished,” applies.

The repeal of Obamacare is a suffering issue. The American people are suffering from lack of insurance and outrageous unaffordable premiums. The 2016 general election results were a mandate by the people to repeal Obamacare and relieve the suffering. In the Nevada November 2016 elections Republican lost the legislative majority as a result of failure by Nevada Republicans to repeal Obamacare in Nevada when they had the opportunity. What happened in Nevada could very well happen in 2018 in Washington DC if Republicans fail to keep this promise.

The President must demand the repeal bill that Republicans and Speaker Ryan voted unanimously to support. They voted to repeal Obamacare, then they voted to fully fund it with the coverage mandates. Remember the flip-flop vote, “I was against it before I was for it.” The coverage mandates make Obamacare unsustainable. The Freedom Caucus has given Paul Ryan the solutions and he argued for one during a [press conference](#):

“For instance, risk pools, we believe the smarter way to help people with preexisting conditions get affordable coverage while bringing down the health care costs for everybody else is through re- insurance risk or risk-sharing pools which this bill supplied for the states.”

We can’t let the Democrats confuse the issue by combing Obamacare exchanges and Medicaid expansion. These are two different items. The exchanges have failed and only 16 ½ states (Utah is half exchange) and Washington DC have [exchanges](#). Thirty-two states have expanded [Medicaid](#). Obviously, each state will once again have to choose what to do with the exchange if they have one. In a separate issue they will decide on Medicaid expansion. That is why Congress needs to separate the issues and repeal Obamacare then they can begin to work in the free-market for Americans with the following solutions:

Some Freedom Caucus ideas waiting to be bills after Obamacare repeal are:

- **THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER FREEDOM ACT:** This act ends the outrageous costs of Medical Malpractice insurance. New Jersey is working on a bill now that creates non-profit clinics to take that load from physicians who offer 16 hours a month of free service to the clinic. Remove AMA (American Medical Association) lobbyist driven government restrictions on a second tier of health care providers such as Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners that provide quality care basic health care at lower costs, thus allowing them to practice in the field up to the scope of their training and education without limitations. Repeal the onerous red tape 1996 HIPAA regulations.
- **THE HOSPITAL FREEDOM ACT:** The 1986, Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) which forced hospitals and other health care providers to care for anyone who used the

emergency room as their primary care regardless of ability to pay or acuteness of their condition, should be repealed. Congress should also repeal AMA driven CON (Certificate of Need) required in addition to regular licensing and FDA regulations to establish new hospitals.

- **THE AFFORDABLE DRUG ACT:** Large pharmaceuticals are benefiting and small companies are restricted by the FDA approval process. The FDA approval process needs to be abandoned in favor of competitive third-party certification organizations that would compete against each other in offering alternative certifications for medicines. Make more drugs available over the counter such as cholesterol medication and contraception causing consumers to pay for more medicines out of pocket. Utilize electronic delivery on some services such as online issuance of prescriptions without in-person visits. Posting prices online encouraging patients to shop and transparency in healthcare services.
- **THE CITIZEN'S HEALTHCARE RIGHTS ACT:** Breaking down state lines; expanding Health Savings Accounts (HSAs); encouraging young people to purchase individual inexpensive rate insurance and keeping it for life; converting Medicaid to vouchers for purchases in the private market all supply-side reforms that lower consumer costs minimizing the need for a large Medicaid safety net; creating risk-sharing pools to provide affordable coverage for pre-existing conditions; are all free-market solutions that put healthcare back in the control of citizens where it belongs.

The Freedom Caucus would have voted for a compromise to full repeal just to allow the President to work the Art of the Deal, it was the closet Obamacare loving Republicans who voted "no." Now that RINOCare is off the table, trump must demand the repeal bill to meet his promise. Once again, those blaming [36 veteran "tea party" members of the Freedom Caucus](#), who make up less than one-sixth of the House of Representatives, are playing both sides by casting the perfect "no" vote that means nothing unless without a closer look.