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HE ALSO WANTS TO REPEAL PROTECTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH PREEXISTING CONDITIONS

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- The Affordable Care Act required insurance companies cover participants regardless of preexisting conditions.

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March 2020: 15% Of Ohio’s Opioid Settlement Was Used For Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services. “In March 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Attorney General Dave Yost announced that local governments representing more than two-thirds of the state’s population signed on to the OneOhio plan in order to jointly approach opioid settlement negotiations and litigation. The OneOhio plan provides a mechanism for the distribution of opioid settlement funds and outlines how those funds can be used. Specifically: [...] 15% goes to the State of Ohio to be used to leverage statewide buying power to offer prevention, treatment and recovery support services.” [One Ohio Recovery Foundation, Settlement Funding, Accessed [9/23/26](#)]

- **Ohio’s Opioid Settlements Were About \$2 Billion.** “The amount of money coming to Ohio is massive: about \$2 billion over the course of 18 years. That’s double what Taylor Swift was expected to make in ticket sales during her international tour last year. The money isn’t coming from just one lawsuit, but rather from a series of settlements, including the following: \$808 million from a settlement with opioid distributors Cardinal Health, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen \$679.6 million from a settlement with Teva, Allergan, CVS and Walgreens \$185 million from a settlement with Johnson & Johnson and Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. \$24.7 million from a settlement with McKinsey & Co.” [Ohio Newsroom, [7/25/24](#)]
- **Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Are Part Of The Healthcare System.** “Effective integration of prevention, treatment, and recovery services across health care systems is key to addressing substance misuse and its consequences and it represents the most promising way to improve access to and quality of treatment. Recent health care reform laws, as well as a wide range of other trends in the health care landscape, are facilitating greater integration to better serve individual and public health, reduce health disparities, and reduce costs to society.” [National Library Of Medicine, Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health [Internet], Accessed [9/23/26](#)]
- **February 2019: Dewine Chose Acton To Lead The Ohio Department Of Health.** “Gov. Mike DeWine has filled the final position open in his cabinet, which is likely the most diverse in state history. Amy Acton, his pick to lead the Ohio Department of Health, has decades of experience as a doctor and administrator. Acton most recently served as a community research and grants management officer at the Columbus Foundation. She previously had served as an assistant professor at The Ohio State University's College of Public Health and holds a master's degree in public health from the university. She’s also the first physician to lead the agency in almost five years.” [WOSU, [2/27/19](#)]
- **June 2020: Acton Resigned As Director Of The Ohio Department Of Health.** “Former Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton has left her role as an advisor and state employment, Governor Mike DeWine announced at his press briefing on Tuesday. In June, Acton resigned from her role as the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, which she had served in since February of 2019. Earlier this year, she became one of the faces of the state's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and received praise both locally and nationally for her calm demeanor and measured approach, with a New York Times video column calling her ‘the leader we wish we all had.’” [WKYC, [8/4/20](#)]

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Acton: "Problems Don't Really Care If We're Democrats Or Republicans Or Independents [...] Problems Need Fixed And They Need Solved." "Asked about how she intends to walk that political tightrope, Acton replied that she worked for DeWine, a Republican, because of their shared values and the need to put partisan politics aside to fix problems. 'Problems don't really care if we're Democrats or Republicans or independents,' she said. 'Problems need fixed and they need solved.'" [Cleveland.com, [1/8/25](#)]

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2017: Washington Post: Trump's Final Tax Bill Included A "Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy" And "A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations." "A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses' tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation's largest companies." [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

The Atlantic: "The Richer The Family, The Bigger The Cut, Both In Absolute Terms And In Proportional Income" From The GOP Tax Bill. "The GOP tax bill operates by two simple principles. First, families at every income level can expect a tax cut—but the richer the family, the bigger the cut, both in absolute terms and in proportional income. Households making between \$500,000 and \$1 million would get a \$21,000 tax cut in 2019 and their after-tax income would rise by 4.3 percent. That proportional gain is four times larger than the average after-tax benefit for a family making \$40,000. Second, as time goes by, most families' tax benefits would shrink—with the major exception being the most affluent. Most of the plan's individual tax cuts end after 2025. This provision is necessary (because of the procedure congressional Republicans chose for the bill) to pay for a permanent corporate tax cut whose benefits flow mostly through capital gains and dividends to shareholders. The bars below illustrate this effect: The tax cuts shrink between 2018 and 2025 before disappearing for all levels in 2027—except for the richest households, the ones with the most money invested in stocks, who will still be reaping the benefits of lower corporate taxes." [Atlantic, [12/19/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "Special Trump Tax Provision Gives \$17 Billion Break To Millionaires, Gov't Report Finds." [NBC News, [4/23/18](#)]

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Kaiser Family Foundation Estimated Up To 580,000 Ohioans Could Lose Insurance Due To The Big Beautiful Bill. "President Trump signed into law on July 4, 2025 a budget reconciliation package (formerly called the 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act') that will make significant changes to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplaces. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that, relative to its estimates of insurance coverage prior to the law being enacted, the law will increase the number of people without health insurance in 2034 by 10 million, because of changes to Medicaid (7.5 million), the ACA Marketplaces (2.1 million), and other policies and interactions among different provisions (0.4 million). [...] Combined, the policies are projected to increase the uninsured population by roughly 460K people — a 4 percentage point change. This estimate could vary between 350K to 580K based on a 25% range of uncertainty. Of the total increase in the uninsured, 290K would become uninsured due to changes in Medicaid, 160K would become uninsured due to changes in the ACA, and 14K would become uninsured because of changes to Medicare and policy interactions." [KFF, [8/20/25](#)]

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- **The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Threatened To Close 31 Ohio Hospitals And Clinics.** "A new report shows recent cuts in funding from Ohio's Medicaid budget will force more than a half a million Ohioans off the program in the next decade and threaten the closure of 31 hospitals and clinics in Ohio. [...] Last year, U.S. Sen. Jon Husted (R-OH) announced the federal government would award \$202 million to help rural hospitals weather Medicaid changes. The Rural Health Transformation Fund was part of the One Big Beautiful Bill signed into law by President Trump last July. Republicans who have pushed the changes say they are working to reduce Medicaid fraud, something Democrats say is not widespread." [Statehouse News Bureau, [5/15/26](#)]

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Headline: “Analysis: Ramaswamy Called Medicare And Medicaid 'A Mistake.' Was That A Mistake?” [WVXU, [1/22/26](#)]

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Headline: “Report: Ramaswamy Tax Plan Would Gut Ohio Schools, Medicaid.” [Tiffin Ohio, [2/23/26](#)]

Ramaswamy Said He Wanted To Dismantle Lyndon Jonhson’s Great Society, That Ramaswamy Called The “Nanny State,” Which Included Medicare and Medicaid. [RAMASWAMY]: “I think if you go back to Lyndon Johnson's great society, this is a kind of modern original sin in American politics of the creation of a nanny state. To me, I include the entitlement state, which is the state that gives away stuff, welfare, Medicaid, et cetera. There's the regulatory state, the rise of three-letter agencies to administer this larger form of government and the regulatory state. And then there's the foreign nanny state, which is the foreign aid complex and the foreign interventionist complex. [...] I go in that room and say, I don't wanna replace the left-wing nanny state with the right-wing nanny state. I wanna get in there and dismantle the nanny state. I don't wanna get in there and reform these agencies, I want to get in there and actually shut them down.” [Youtube, The Ezra Klein Show, 5:03, [10/29/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Ramaswamy Said That “The U.S. Needs Milei-Style Cuts On Steroids,” Dismissing Criticisms That The Department Of Government Efficiency’s Proposed Reductions Could Endanger Essential Programs Like Social Security, Medicare, Veterans’ Health Care, NASA, The FBI, And U.S. Embassies. “DOGE has drawn criticism from analysts who caution that such Milei-style cuts could endanger essential programs and entitlements that millions of Americans count on. Social Security, Medicare, veterans' healthcare, NASA, the FBI, and U.S. embassies—all critical components of the federal budget—could be at risk under such sweeping reductions. Both Musk and Ramaswamy have dismissed these criticisms, citing Milei's aggressive fiscal policies as an example to follow. During a campaign rally, Musk described Milei's approach as ‘impressive progress,’ while Ramaswamy told Fox News: ‘The U.S. needs Milei-style cuts on steroids.’” [Newsweek, [11/20/24](#)]

Ramaswamy Said “I Don’t Like The Existence” Of Welfare And Medicaid And Would Vote To “Significantly Constrain” Medicaid. “I don't believe it is a separation of powers issue for Congress to say that there's a certain amount of money that gets paid out in Social Security or Medicaid payments or in welfare payments, I don't like the existence of those policies. I would vote to significantly constrain and attach work requirements to most of the welfare state as we know it. But as much as I would love to end that by any means possible.” [YouTube, Vivek Ramaswamy, 49:28, [8/21/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Ramaswamy Said He Would “Dissolve” The Center For Medicare And Medicaid Services. [RAMASWAMY]: “You might take the administrative bureaucracy that's responsible for administering those dollars, just like the bureaucracy that administers PPP, by the way. They waste a lot of money, send it to the wrong places and I would say let's actually dissolve that entire apparatus. CMS center for Medicare Medicaid Services. Take the money and distribute it to the people who can't afford to buy private health insurance, to actually buy private health insurance.” [Youtube, Real Time With Bill Maher, 6:10, [2/11/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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TRUMP'S ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT THREATENED TO KICK OVER 500,000 OHIOANS OFF THEIR INSURANCE

Kaiser Family Foundation Estimated Up To 580,000 Ohioans Could Lose Insurance Due To The Big Beautiful Bill. "President Trump signed into law on July 4, 2025 a budget reconciliation package (formerly called the 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act') that will make significant changes to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplaces. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that, relative to its estimates of insurance coverage prior to the law being enacted, the law will increase the number of people without health insurance in 2034 by 10 million, because of changes to Medicaid (7.5 million), the ACA Marketplaces (2.1 million), and other policies and interactions among different provisions (0.4 million). [...] Combined, the policies are projected to increase the uninsured population by roughly 460K people — a 4 percentage point change. This estimate could vary between 350K to 580K based on a 25% range of uncertainty. Of the total increase in the uninsured, 290K would become uninsured due to changes in Medicaid, 160K would become uninsured due to changes in the ACA, and 14K would become uninsured because of changes to Medicare and policy interactions." [KFF, [8/20/25](#)]

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HEADLINE: “11 Rural Ohio Hospitals Listed At-Risk Under Trump’s Spending Bill, According To Democratic Senators.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [7/9/25](#)]

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and Richland counties). Adams County Regional Medical Center in Seaman (Adams County). Fayette County Memorial Hospital in Washington Court House (Fayette County). The letter said hospitals were “at risk of financial distress and even closure, conversion, or service reductions because of the cuts.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [7/9/25](#)]

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[RAMASWAMY] “I’ll just give you two simple solutions that I can deliver. I do believe that Obamacare should be repealed. I do believe the so called ACA, the Affordable Care act, should be repealed. And I believe that the FDA needs to be drastically reformed.” [YouTube, Vivek Ramaswamy, 55:14, [1/6/24](#)] (VIDEO)

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REQUIRED INSURANCE COMPANIES COVER PARTICIPANTS REGARDLESS OF PREEXISTING CONDITIONS

The Affordable Care Act Required Insurance Companies To Cover All Participants Regardless Of Pre-existing Conditions. “The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010. The law’s many provisions include the creation of public healthcare marketplaces, and requirements that insurance companies cover all participants at the same rate regardless of pre-existing conditions or gender.” [US Department of Labor, [3/23/10](#)]

AND LET THE DRUG AND INSURANCE COMPANIES JACK UP PRICES

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