

## Trump Administration Removes 760,000 From Obamacare Rolls

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Vice President JD Vance announced the Trump administration is taking hundreds of thousands of people off Obamacare plans, alleging that some were enrolled improperly and others don't exist at all.

The administration is also suspending some brokers who sell Affordable Care Act coverage, accusing them of being partially responsible the fraud.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services [said](#) Tuesday that more than 760,000 people were cut from the program at the end of August. Vance said that officials would conduct "additional verification" on roughly 419,000 people.

The Trump administration has aimed to spotlight fraud in federal health programs and clamp down on improper enrollments. Under the Biden administration, enrollment in Obamacare markets roughly doubled to almost [22 million](#) as enhanced subsidies made the plans free for many. Efforts to halt improper enrollments [began](#) during Biden's term, and in 2024 CMS suspended hundreds of brokers and agents from selling the plans.

"These programs they are deserving, they're important, but they're not going to exist unless we stop the fraud," Vance said Tuesday during a news conference in the White House complex. "We are actually making sure that people receiving Obamacare subsidies are actually entitled to receive them. Amazingly we weren't doing that before."

Vance estimated the move would save \$2.2 billion in taxpayer funds, which CMS said would come from the return of premium tax credits. The figure couldn't be immediately verified.

Shares of health insurance companies fell after early news reports of the cuts. Oscar Health Inc. shares dropped as much as 6.6%, Centene Corp slipped as much as 3.9%, Molina Healthcare Inc. was down as much as 3.5%, and Elevance Health Inc. slid as much as 1.9%.

Some insurers including Centene and Oscar had already adjusted their enrollment expectations based on the federal government's anti-fraud work, analysts at Barclays wrote in a note to clients on Tuesday. However, they wrote, removing ACA enrollees who don't use much healthcare could throw off industry calculations about how sick enrollees are on average. That in turn affects how much insurers get paid under a policy meant to share risks across the market.

Conservatives have long alleged that the ACA markets are rife with fraud, accusations that opponents have called a smokescreen for kicking people off the program. The Trump administration has curbed some policies that made enrollment easier.

Brad Woodhouse, president of Protect Our Care, an advocacy group that supports the health law, called the move “a political stunt designed to throw even more people off their coverage while pretending to save taxpayers’ money.”

“At a time when millions of Americans are already losing coverage and facing skyrocketing costs, Vance and this administration are making the crisis exponentially worse,” Woodhouse said in a statement.

About 19.2 million people are enrolled in ACA plans, [according to](#) the health policy research group KFF. The cancellations announced Tuesday amount to about 4% of those.

Republicans resisted Democratic efforts last year to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies, resulting in higher premiums for more than 20 million Americans. The issue has fueled voters’ affordability concerns, which have become the central theme in November’s midterm elections. Alaska, where Democrats hope to pick up a Senate seat in a hard-fought contest, has been disproportionately affected.

In all, Republican-led House districts rely more on ACA insurance than districts represented by Democrats.

Swing-district House members and those representing districts with high Obamacare enrollment have been sensitive to the issue. Earlier this year, 17 House Republicans sided with Democrats to extend the subsidies. But the effort died in the Senate.

Enrollment for the federal Obamacare marketplace opens Nov. 1. People shopping for plans are likely to see spikes in premiums ahead of enrollment.

Insurance companies pay brokers to help people enroll in Obamacare plans. CMS said that since January, it has issued termination notices for over 200 agents and brokers, as well as 569 notices of intent to terminate. The agency is also barring new brokers and agents from enrolling people in plans for 2027.