



# Missing The ObamaCare Mark

## *The Obama Administration Continues To Miss ObamaCare's "Central Goal" Of Signing Up The Uninsured*

### THE GOAL OF OBAMACARE WAS TO COVER THE UNINSURED

In 2009, Obama Said The United States Must Pass ObamaCare Because "We Are Not A Nation That Accepts Nearly 46 Million Uninsured Men, Women And Children." OBAMA: "But alongside these economic arguments, there's another, more powerful one. And it is simply this: We are not a nation that accepts nearly 46 million uninsured men, women and children. (Applause.) We are not a nation that lets hardworking families go without coverage, or turns its back on those in need. We're a nation that cares for its citizens. We look out for one another. That's what makes us the United States of America. We need to get this done." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At The Annual Conference Of The American Medical Association](#), Chicago, IL, 6/15/09)

- **At The Signing Of ObamaCare, Obama Claimed That, Once The Bill Was Implemented, The Uninsured "Will Finally Be Able To Purchase" Insurance.** OBAMA: "Once this reform is implemented, health insurance exchanges will be created, a competitive marketplace where uninsured people and small businesses will finally be able to purchase affordable, quality insurance. They will be able to be part of a big pool and get the same good deal that members of Congress get. That's what's going to happen under this reform." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At Signing Of The Health Insurance Reform Bill](#), Washington, D.C., 3/23/10)

**Enrolling The Uninsured Was ObamaCare's "Central Goal."** "The new health insurance marketplaces appear to be making little headway so far in signing up Americans who lack health insurance, the Affordable Care Act's central goal." (Amy Goldstein, "Health Insurance Marketplaces Signing Up Few Uninsured Americans, Survey Says," [The Washington Post](#), 3/6/14)

### *But The Obama Administration Has No Clue How Well They Are Doing In Enrolling Uninsured Americans*

**The Obama Administration Has Been Unable To Determine How Many New ObamaCare Enrollees Were Previously Uninsured.** "The Obama administration hasn't been able to say how many of the 3.3 million people who have signed up for private health insurance coverage, or of the 6.3 million who have been determined eligible for Medicaid, were actually uninsured before — and health care experts aren't sure yet, either." (David Nather, "ObamaCare Stats Still Hard To Nail Down," [Politico](#), 2/23/14)

- ***Politico: "Is It Really That Unreasonable To Ask How Many Uninsured People ObamaCare Has Covered So Far? The Answer, Apparently, Is: Yes. It's Unreasonable."*** "When you go to all this trouble to cover the uninsured, is it really that unreasonable to ask how many uninsured

people ObamaCare has covered so far? The answer, apparently, is: Yes. It's unreasonable." (David Nather, "ObamaCare Stats Still Hard To Nail Down," [Politico](#), 2/23/14)

**Despite Claims That 4 Million People Have Signed Up, The Administration "Has Not Said How Many Of Them Previously Had Coverage."** "The Obama administration says 4 million people have selected a plan since the exchanges launched on Oct. 1, but has not said how many of them previously had coverage." (Jonathan Easley, "Study: ObamaCare Not Reaching The Previously Uninsured," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 3/6/14)

- **CMS Deputy Administrator Gary Cohen, On The Number Of Uninsured ObamaCare Enrollees: "That's Not A Data Point That We Are Really Collecting In Any Sort Of Systematic Way."** "Overall enrollment is looking pretty decent, but how many of the people who have signed up were previously uninsured? 'That's not a data point that we are really collecting in any sort of systematic way,' Cohen told the insurance-industry crowd on Thursday when asked how many of the roughly 4 million enrollees were previously uninsured." (Sam Baker, "HHS Doesn't Know How Many Uninsured Are Signing Up For ObamaCare," [National Journal](#), 3/6/14)

**The ObamaCare Exchange's Online Enrollment Application Doesn't Provide Enrollees "A Place To Indicate Whether They Have Insurance Now Or Have Had It In The Past."** "However, the online application, used by most people to enroll, asks whether people want to apply for coverage but does not give them a place to indicate whether they have insurance now or have had it in the past. As a result, HHS analysts have no way of assessing how many of the online enrollees were uninsured in the past." (Amy Goldstein, "Health Insurance Marketplaces Signing Up Few Uninsured Americans, Survey Says," [The Washington Post](#), 3/6/14)

- **The Obama Administration Could Have Avoided The Issue By Asking Specific Health Insurance Questions.** "The administration could have helped by putting a specific question on the applications for the federal health insurance exchange, and encouraging all of the state-run exchanges to do the same, that would have allowed the government to track how many people were uninsured when they signed up." (David Nather, "ObamaCare Stats Still Hard To Nail Down," [Politico](#), 2/23/14)

## WITH LESS THAN A MONTH TO GO, THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION MAY BE STRUGGLING TO ENROLL THE UNINSURED

**"The New Health Insurance Marketplaces Appear To Be Making Little Headway So Far In Signing Up Americans Who Lack Health Insurance, The Affordable Care Act's Central Goal."** (Amy Goldstein, "Health Insurance Marketplaces Signing Up Few Uninsured Americans, Survey Says," [The Washington Post](#), 3/6/14)

### ***An Independent Consulting Firm Has Found That The Uninsured Aren't Buying Into ObamaCare***

**Consulting Firm McKinsey & Co. Found "That Just One In 10 Uninsured People Who Qualify For Private Health Plans" Actually Signed Up.** "A pair of surveys released on Thursday suggest that just one in 10 uninsured people who qualify for private health plans through the new marketplace have signed up for one — and that about half of uninsured adults has looked for information on the online exchanges or plans to look." (Amy Goldstein, "Health Insurance Marketplaces Signing Up Few Uninsured Americans, Survey Says," [The Washington Post](#), 3/6/14)

- **Of All Respondents That Had Enrolled, Only One-Fourth Of Enrollees Noted That They Were Previously Uninsured.** "One of the surveys, by the consulting firm McKinsey & Co., shows that, of people who had signed up for coverage through the marketplaces by last month, just one-fourth described themselves as having been without insurance for most of the past year." (Amy Goldstein, "Health Insurance Marketplaces Signing Up Few Uninsured Americans, Survey Says," [The Washington Post](#), 3/6/14)

- **Of The Previously Uninsured That Enrolled, “Just Over Half” Had Started To Pay Their Premiums.** “And, the survey show, that just over half of uninsured people said they had started to pay, compared with nearly nine in 10 of those signing up on the exchanges who said they were simply switching from one health plan to another.” (Amy Goldstein, “Health Insurance Marketplaces Signing Up Few Uninsured Americans, Survey Says,” [The Washington Post](#), 3/6/14)