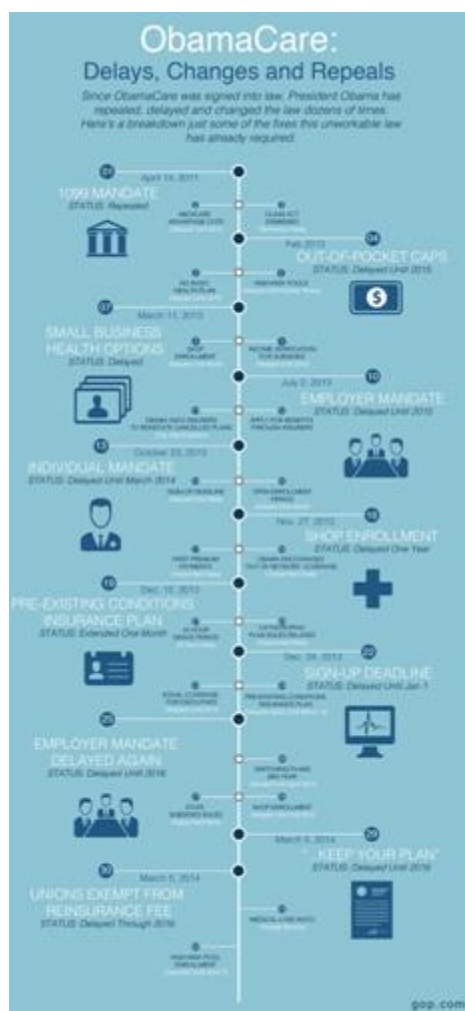




Just Winging It

The White House Continues To Unilaterally Change ObamaCare In Hopes Of Shielding Vulnerable Dems



As The Obama Administration Ignores Self-Imposed Deadlines, The Delays To Save Democrats From Voter Outrage May “Create More Hassles Than Benefits.” “By now, the pattern is pretty clear: ObamaCare deadlines don’t stick. And they probably never will. The unanswered question is, does the extra time create more hassles than benefits for those affected - and is the goalpost-moving worth the political headaches it creates for the Obama administration?” (David Nather, “The Politics Of ObamaCare Delays,” [Politico](#),

2/21/14)

ObamaCare Delays Could Double The Cost Of Premiums In 2015

According To Insurance Officials, Obama's ObamaCare Delays Will Trigger A Spike In Costs. "But insurance officials are quick to emphasize that any spikes would be a consequence of delays and changes in ObamaCare's rollout." (Elise Viebeck, "O-Care Premiums About To Skyrocket," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 3/19/14)

Health Industry Officials Expect "ObamaCare-Related Premiums" To Double Across The Country Before The 2015 Enrollment Period. "Health industry officials say ObamaCare-related premiums will double in some parts of the country, countering claims recently made by the administration. The expected rate hikes will be announced in the coming months amid an intense election year, when control of the Senate is up for grabs. The sticker shock would likely bolster the GOP's prospects in November and hamper ObamaCare insurance enrollment efforts in 2015." (Elise Viebeck, "O-Care Premiums About To Skyrocket," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 3/19/14)

Bill Hoagland, Sr. Vice President At The Bipartisan Policy Center: "These [Premium] Increases Will Be Significant." "My gut tells me that, for some people, these increases will be significant," said Bill Hoagland, a former executive at Cigna and current senior vice president at the Bipartisan Policy Center." (Elise Viebeck, "O-Care Premiums About To Skyrocket," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 3/19/14)

- **In Iowa, "Rates Are Expected To Rise 100 Percent" On The ObamaCare Exchange While Employer Sponsored Coverage Rates Are Set To Double.** "In Iowa, which hosts the first presidential caucus in the nation and has a competitive Senate race this year, rates are expected to rise 100 percent on the exchange and by double digits on the larger, employer-based market, according to a recent article in the Business Record." (Elise Viebeck, "O-Care Premiums About To Skyrocket," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 3/19/14)

The Impending Doom Of Higher Premiums Has Led The Obama Administration To Insert Politics Into ObamaCare Delays

Earlier This Month, The Obama Administration Finalized Rules Pushing The ObamaCare 2015 Enrollment Period Past This Year's Midterms. "The new rules also formalize a delay in next year's open-enrollment window and extend that window by a month. Enrollment will begin Nov. 15 and run through Feb. 15." (Sam Baker, "Another ObamaCare Delay," [National Journal](#), 3/5/14)

- **The Obama Administration Has Sought To Keep The Cost Of Premiums From The Public Until After The Election.** "The delays push the beginning of the enrollment window—when people will get a look at their premiums—past the November midterms, and the extended window gives the administration more time to try to bring in more people." (Sam Baker, "Another ObamaCare Delay," [National Journal](#), 3/5/14)

ObamaCare Architect Zeke Emanuel Admitted That Politics Drives The White House To Delay Parts Of ObamaCare. ZEKE EMANUEL: "They think, 'well, for the political gain, it's worth it to do that,' and it certainly isn't a big deal. I keep saying — you know, they seem to be very strategic at the White House — do some of these things that are good politically but really don't affect the underlying policy — that defend the underlying policy." (MSNBC's "Now W/ Alex Wagner," 3/5/14)

National Journal's Ron Fournier: "The White House Has Politicized its Signature Policy." "Not coincidentally, the delays punt implementation beyond congressional elections in November, which raises the first problem with defending ObamaCare: The White House has politicized its signature policy."

(Ron Fournier, "Why I'm Getting Sick Of Defending ObamaCare," [National Journal](#), 2/11/14)

OBAMA'S OBAMACARE REWRITES ARE AN "ABUSE OF EXECUTIVE POWER"

Putting Off Parts Of ObamaCare Gives The Feeling That The Obama Administration Is "Winging" ObamaCare And Rewriting The Law. "Because undeniably, every time the Obama administration bends a deadline for the Affordable Care Act — delaying the employer mandate for the second time, putting off parts of the enrollment launch, or giving customers just a little more time to sign up — it fuels the perception that the administration is just winging it, and gives Republicans new fodder to accuse the White House of rewriting laws too casually." (David Nather, "The Politics Of ObamaCare Delays," [Politico](#), 2/21/14)

The Detroit News Editorial: "While It May Be Politically Expedient, Rewriting A Law Passed By Congress Simply To Avoid Ballot Box Consequences Is An Outrageous Abuse Of Executive Power."

(Editorial, "Politics Drives Serial ObamaCare Delays," [The Detroit News](#), 3/7/14)

- **The Detroit News Editorial: "The Clear Intent Is To Spare Democrats From The Outrage ..."**
"The clear intent is to spare Democrats from the outrage that will come when consumers are notified that they're either losing their policies because they don't meet the standards, or their premiums are soaring." (Editorial, "Politics Drives Serial ObamaCare Delays," [The Detroit News](#), 3/7/14)