



White House Wishful Thinking

As ObamaCare's Anniversary Approaches, The Obama White House Is In A State Of Denial Over The Disastrous Law's Impact On 2014

Appearing On "Meet The Press" Yesterday, White House Senior Advisor Dan Pfeiffer Insisted That ObamaCare Will Not Be A Liability For Democrats In 2014. GREGORY: "You're talking about framing this as a choice is frankly is an argument that democrats have been making for 20 years in terms of jobs and the economy. Republicans are very unified around one thing, ObamaCare is bad. A lot of voters seem to agree with that. How much how much does ObamaCare hurt Democrats?" PFEIFFER: "Well, David, that's not true. ... It was not a factor in the Florida '13 election." (NBC's "Meet The Press," 3/16/14)

DEMOCRATS WHO WILL ACTUALLY FACE THE VOTERS THIS YEAR DON'T SHARE THE WHITE HOUSE'S SUNNY OUTLOOK

ABC's Jeff Zeleny: Democrats Privately Admit They Are Worried That ObamaCare Is "Political Poison." ZELNY: "But, privately, several Democrats tell ABC News they're increasingly worried the health care law is political poison." (ABC's "This Week," 3/16/14)

The New York Times: Democrats Are "Increasingly Alarmed" About The Impact Of ObamaCare On Their Chances In The Midterm. "Democrats are becoming increasingly alarmed about their midterm election fortunes amid President Obama's sinking approval ratings, a loss in a special House election in Florida last week and millions of dollars spent by Republican-aligned groups attacking the new health law." (Jonathan Martin and Ashley Parker, "Obama Factor Adds To Fears Of Democrats," [The New York Times](#), 3/15/14)

- **"One Democratic Lawmaker, Who Asked Not To Be Identified, Said Mr. Obama Was Becoming 'Poisonous' To The Party's Candidates."** (Jonathan Martin and Ashley Parker, "Obama Factor Adds To Fears Of Democrats," [The New York Times](#), 3/15/14)

Reuters: ObamaCare Fallout And Florida Loss Has "Raised Anxiety Levels For Democrats."

"President Barack Obama and his Democrats face the challenge of limiting fallout from Obamacare and drumming up voter enthusiasm in the November congressional elections, problem areas exposed by the loss of a Florida candidate who had led in the polls. The defeat of Democrat Alex Sink by Republican David Jolly in a special election last Tuesday has raised anxiety levels for Democrats as they struggle to hold on to control of the Senate in November and pick up seats in the Republican-held House of Representatives." (Steve Holland and Thomas Ferraro, "Democrats Seek Ways To Limit Obamacare Fallout After Florida Defeat," [Reuters](#), 3/16/14)

- **Problems With ObamaCare "Are Part Of A Toxic Mix" Facing Democrats In 2014.** "Problems with the president's healthcare law are part of a toxic mix as politicians must also grapple with

Americans grouching about the job market and global instability presented by the Ukraine crisis.” (Steve Holland and Thomas Ferraro, “Democrats Seek Ways To Limit Obamacare Fallout After Florida Defeat,” [Reuters](#), 3/16/14)

Senate Democrats Expressed “A High Level Of Anxiety” About ObamaCare Fallout When Meeting With White House Officials Last Month. “When two senior White House officials — Jennifer Palmieri, the communications director, and Phil Schiliro, the health care adviser — went to the Capitol late last month to address Senate Democrats about the Affordable Care Act, they were met with angry questions about why Mr. Obama’s well-funded advocacy group, Organizing for Action, was not airing commercials offering them cover on the health law. Among those raising concerns was Senator Michael Bennet of Colorado, chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, who also has a low-key style and warm relationship with Mr. Obama. “They did not want to hear about health care enrollment,” one source familiar with the meeting said, describing ‘a high level of anxiety.’” (Jonathan Martin and Ashley Parker, “Obama Factor Adds To Fears Of Democrats,” [The New York Times](#), 3/15/14)

Even Former Obama Administration Officials Aren’t Buying The White House’s Spin Ahead Of 2014

Former Obama White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs Said That, Despite White House Claims, Democrats Are “Absolutely” In Danger Of Losing The Senate. GREGORY: “Is the Senate in danger?” GIBBS: “Definitely, absolutely.” GREGORY: “How come Dan Pfeiffer didn’t say that?” GIBBS: “I did the same thing a few years ago on your show and I still have tire tracks on my back. Honesty, you can only go so far in Washington when you’re employed. As a consultant I can say all these things now, but there’s no doubt.” (NBC’s [“Meet The Press,”](#) 3/16/14)

2014 DEMOCRATS HAVE A REASON TO WORRY: OBAMACARE IS HAVING A DEVASTATING IMPACT IN THE STATES

North Carolina: Kay Hagan

473,724 North Carolinians Have Received Insurance Cancellation Letters Due To ObamaCare According To The North Carolina Department Of Insurance “Twenty-one companies terminated 183,821 individual and group health insurance policies affecting 473,724 people by late October, according to figures collected by North Carolina’s Insurance Department. Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina issued 151,640 cancellations, followed by 20,370 by Coventry Health and 4,459 by Aetna. Aetna bought Coventry this year.” (Emery P. Dalesio, “Obama Move On Canceled Plans May Touch 475K In NC,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/14/13)

- **200,546 North Carolinians Have Signed Up For ObamaCare As Of March 1, 2014.** (“Addendum To The Health Insurance Marketplace: March Enrollment Report,” [Department Of Health And Human Services: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Planning And Evaluation](#), 3/11/14, p. 6)

North Carolina Seniors Will See Their Medicare Advantage Premiums Rise Or Their Benefits Fall By \$55-\$65 Per Month (\$660-\$780 Per Year) Due To ObamaCare’s Medicare Advantage Cuts.

(Medicare Advantage By The Numbers: North Carolina, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

- **328,020 North Carolinians Are Enrolled In A Medicare Advantage Plan As Of June 2013.** (Marsha Gold, Gretchen Jacobson, Anthony Damico, and Tricia Neuman, “Medicare Advantage 2013 Spotlight: Enrollment Market Update,” [The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 6/2013)

Colorado: Mark Udall And John Hickenlooper

According To The Colorado Division Of Insurance, 335,484 Coloradans Received Insurance Cancellation Notices Due To ObamaCare. “Meanwhile, the state’s insurance commissioner, Marguerite

Salazar, revealed that 335,484 Coloradans received insurance cancellation letters, about 86,000 more than previously reported.” (Jakob Rodgers, “Letters Reject Claims Of Bullying By Sen. Mark Udall, Increase Insurance Cancellation Number,” [The Gazette \(Colorado Springs\)](#), 1/15/14)

- **83,469 Coloradans Have Signed Up For ObamaCare As Of March 1, 2014.** (“Addendum To The Health Insurance Marketplace: March Enrollment Report,” [Department Of Health And Human Services: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Planning And Evaluation](#), 3/11/14, p. 5)

Colorado Seniors Will See Their Medicare Advantage Premiums Rise Or Their Benefits Fall By \$35-\$45 Per Month (\$420-\$540 Per Year) Due To ObamaCare’s Medicare Advantage Cuts. (Medicare Advantage By The Numbers: Colorado, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

- **244,356 Coloradans Are Enrolled In A Medicare Advantage Plan As Of June 2013.** (Marsha Gold, Gretchen Jacobson, Anthony Damico, and Tricia Neuman, “Medicare Advantage 2013 Spotlight: Enrollment Market Update,” [The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 6/2013)

Michigan: Gary Peters And Mark Schauer

According To *The Associated Press*, 225,000 Michiganders Have Received Insurance Cancellation Notices. (“Policy Notifications, By State,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/14/13)

- **144,587 Michiganders Have Signed Up For ObamaCare As Of March 1, 2014.** (“Addendum To The Health Insurance Marketplace: March Enrollment Report,” [Department Of Health And Human Services: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Planning And Evaluation](#), 3/11/14, p. 6)

Michigan Seniors Will See Their Medicare Advantage Premiums Rise Or Their Benefits Fall By \$15-\$25 Per Month (\$180-\$300 Per Year) Due To ObamaCare’s Medicare Advantage Cuts. (Medicare Advantage By The Numbers: Michigan, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

- **478,923 Michiganders Are Enrolled In A Medicare Advantage Plan As Of June 2013.** (Marsha Gold, Gretchen Jacobson, Anthony Damico, and Tricia Neuman, “Medicare Advantage 2013 Spotlight: Enrollment Market Update,” [The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 6/2013)

Oregon: Jeff Merkley And John Kitzhaber

According To *The Associated Press*, 145,000 Oregonians Have Received Insurance Cancellation Notices. (“Policy Notifications, By State,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/14/13)

- **38,806 Oregonians Have Signed Up For ObamaCare As Of March 1, 2014.** (“Addendum To The Health Insurance Marketplace: March Enrollment Report,” [Department Of Health And Human Services: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Planning And Evaluation](#), 3/11/14, p. 5)

Oregon Seniors Will See Their Medicare Advantage Premiums Rise Or Their Benefits Fall By \$35-\$45 Per Month (\$420-\$540 Per Year) Due To ObamaCare’s Medicare Advantage Cuts. (Medicare Advantage By The Numbers: Oregon, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

- **286,306 Oregonians Are Enrolled In A Medicare Advantage Plan As Of June 2013.** (Marsha Gold, Gretchen Jacobson, Anthony Damico, and Tricia Neuman, “Medicare Advantage 2013 Spotlight: Enrollment Market Update,” [The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 6/2013)

Arkansas: Mark Pryor And Mike Ross

Arkansas Seniors Will See Their Medicare Advantage Premiums Rise Or Their Benefits Fall By \$35-\$45 Per Month (\$420-\$540 Per Year) Due To ObamaCare’s Medicare Advantage Cuts. (Medicare Advantage By The Numbers: Arkansas, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

- **98,322 Arkansans Are Enrolled In A Medicare Advantage Plan As Of June 2013.** (Medicare Advantage By The Numbers: New Hampshire, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

Louisiana: Mary Landrieu

According To Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon, 92,739 People Have Received Notices That Their Insurance Will Be Cancelled Due To ObamaCare. “His policy is among the 92,793 individual insurance plans that Louisiana Commissioner of Insurance Jim Donelon reported would be discontinued because the coverage does not meet the coverage standards set by the federal Affordable Care Act.” (Michelle Millhollon and Jordan Blum, “Business Owners Complain About Health Plan Changes,” [The Advocate](#), 11/7/13)

- **45,561 Louisianans Have Signed Up For ObamaCare As Of March 1, 2014.** (“Addendum To The Health Insurance Marketplace: March Enrollment Report,” [Department Of Health And Human Services: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Planning And Evaluation](#), 3/11/14, p. 6)

Louisiana Seniors Will See Their Medicare Advantage Premiums Rise Or Their Benefits Fall By \$55-\$65 Per Month (\$660-\$780 Per Year) Due To ObamaCare’s Medicare Advantage Cuts. (Medicare Advantage By The Numbers: Louisiana, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

- **193,638 Louisianans Are Enrolled In A Medicare Advantage Plan As Of June 2013.** (Marsha Gold, Gretchen Jacobson, Anthony Damico, and Tricia Neuman, “Medicare Advantage 2013 Spotlight: Enrollment Market Update,” [The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 6/2013)

New Hampshire: Jeanne Shaheen And Maggie Hassan

22,000 Insurance Cancellation Notices Have Gone Out In New Hampshire. “In New Hampshire, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield says it has issued about 22,000 cancellation notices to holders of individual health care policies but is allowing people to renew those plans for another year as long as they renew them by this Friday, Nov. 15.” (John DiStaso, “With Only 269 ACA Enrollments In NH, Shea-Porter, Kuster Back Republican ‘Keep Your Health Plan’ Bill,” [Union Leader](#), 11/13/13)

- **21,578 New Hampshirites Have Signed Up For ObamaCare As Of March 1, 2014.** (“Addendum To The Health Insurance Marketplace: March Enrollment Report,” [Department Of Health And Human Services: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Planning And Evaluation](#), 3/11/14, p. 6)

New Hampshire Seniors Will See Their Medicare Advantage Premiums Rise Or Their Benefits Fall By \$35-\$45 Per Month (\$420-\$540 Per Year) Due To ObamaCare’s Medicare Advantage Cuts. (Medicare Advantage By The Numbers: New Hampshire, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

- **12,544 New Hampshirites Are Enrolled In A Medicare Advantage Plan As Of June 2013.** (Marsha Gold, Gretchen Jacobson, Anthony Damico, and Tricia Neuman, “Medicare Advantage 2013 Spotlight: Enrollment Market Update,” [The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 6/2013)

Pennsylvania: Allyson Schwartz

According To The Associated Press, 250,000 Pennsylvanians Have Received Insurance Cancellation Notices. (“Policy Notifications, By State,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/14/13)

- **159,821 Pennsylvanians Have Signed Up For ObamaCare As Of March 1, 2014.** (“Addendum To The Health Insurance Marketplace: March Enrollment Report,” [Department Of Health And Human Services: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Planning And Evaluation](#), 3/11/14, p. 6)

Pennsylvania Seniors Will See Their Medicare Advantage Premiums Rise Or Their Benefits Fall By \$45-\$55 Per Month (\$540-\$660 Per Year) Due To ObamaCare’s Medicare Advantage Cuts. (Medicare Advantage By The Numbers: Arkansas, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

- **939,496 Pennsylvanians Are Enrolled In A Medicare Advantage Plan As Of June 2013.** (Medicare Advantage By The Numbers: New Hampshire, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

Iowa: Bruce Braley

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Advantage By The Numbers: Iowa, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

- **74,520 Iowans Are Enrolled In A Medicare Advantage Plan As Of June 2013.** (Medicare Advantage By The Numbers: New Hampshire, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

New Mexico: Tom Udall**According To *The Associated Press*, 26,000 New Mexicans Have Received Insurance Cancellation Notices.** ("Policy Notifications, By State," [The Associated Press](#), 11/14/13)

- **15,012 New Mexicans Have Signed Up For ObamaCare As Of March 1, 2014.** ("Addendum To The Health Insurance Marketplace: March Enrollment Report," [Department Of Health And Human Services: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Planning And Evaluation](#), 3/11/14, p. 5)

New Mexico Seniors Will See Their Medicare Advantage Premiums Rise Or Their Benefits Fall By \$55-\$65 Per Month (\$660-\$780 Per Year) Due To ObamaCare's Medicare Advantage Cuts. (Medicare

Advantage By The Numbers: New Mexico, [Coalition For Medicare Choices](#), Accessed 3/12/14)

- **98,198 New Mexicans Are Enrolled In A Medicare Advantage Plan As Of June 2013.** (Marsha Gold, Gretchen Jacobson, Anthony Damico, and Tricia Neuman, "Medicare Advantage 2013 Spotlight: Enrollment Market Update," [The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 6/2013)

Minnesota: Al Franken And Mark Dayton**According To *The Associated Press*, 140,000 Minnesotans Have Received Insurance Cancellation Notices.** ("Policy Notifications, By State," [The Associated Press](#), 11/14/13)

- **32,030 Minnesotans Have Signed Up For ObamaCare As Of March 1, 2014.** ("Addendum To The Health Insurance Marketplace: March Enrollment Report," [Department Of Health And Human Services: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Planning And Evaluation](#), 3/11/14, p. 5)

Minnesota Seniors Will See Their Medicare Advantage Premiums Rise Or Their Benefits Fall By \$25-\$35 Per Month (\$300-\$420 Per Year) Due To ObamaCare's Medicare Advantage Cuts. (Medicare

Advantage By The Numbers: Minnesota, Coalition For Medicare Choices, Accessed 3/12/14)

- **415,638 Minnesotans Are Enrolled In A Medicare Advantage Plan As Of June 2013.** (Marsha Gold, Gretchen Jacobson, Anthony Damico, and Tricia Neuman, "Medicare Advantage 2013 Spotlight: Enrollment Market Update," [The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 6/2013)