



Selling A Lemon

Once Again, Obama Will Try To Sell ObamaCare A Week Before Its Launch

Today, Obama Will Deliver ObamaCare Remarks At Maryland's Prince George's Community College. "On Thursday, September 26th, President Obama will travel to Largo, Maryland to deliver remarks at Prince George's Community College to lay out one of the cornerstones of what it means to be middle class in America: having access to affordable health care that you can count on." (President Obama To Deliver Remarks At Prince George's Community College, The White House, 9/24/13)

AS OBAMA ADDRESSES A MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, COLLEGES AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE HAVING TO REDUCE THE HOURS OF EMPLOYEES TO AFFORD OBAMACARE

In Florida, Two Of Tampa's "Premiere Public Colleges," Hillsborough Community College And St. Petersburg College, Are Cutting Adjunct Faculty Members' Hours To Comply With ObamaCare. "The area's two premiere public colleges are among a growing number cutting the hours of adjunct faculty members to keep them from qualifying for coverage under the Affordable Care Act, President Barack Obama's initiative to get more Americans insured. Hillsborough Community College and St. Petersburg College officials say there's nothing insidious about the strategy - that instead, it's an economic necessity in an environment where elevating their largely part-time faculties to health-benefit status could cost millions of dollars they don't have." (Jerome Stockfish, "St. Pete College, HCC Cut Adjuncts' Hours Over Health Care," [Tampa Tribune](#), 7/15/13)

Tallahassee Community College Public Safety Officer Was Notified That His Hours Would Be Cut Due To ObamaCare. REPORTER: "Daryl Howard is a public safety officer at Tallahassee Community College's Midway campus. He's been a part-time employee for five years and it's his only job. Recently he was told come July 1st, his hours will be cut from about 40 to a low of 24 so the college won't have to pay him health insurance due to the Affordable Care Act. As a result, the divorced father of nine children is now facing a 40 percent pay cut." DARYL HOWARD: "I have seven daughters and I have two sons and I have a responsibility to take care of them." (WCTV-FL, 6/21/13)

Virginia Community College Professors Will See Their Hours Cut Due To Obamacare. "Many adjunct instructors at Virginia's 23 community colleges will see their hours cut starting this summer thanks to Virginia's response to the new federal health reform law, a change that could cripple or kill livelihoods teachers like Ann Hubbard worked hard to build." (Bob Lewis, "Health Care Reform Leads To Virginia Community College Pay Cuts," [Associated Press](#), 4/24/13)

400 Temporary Part-Time Employees At The Community College Of Pennsylvania's Allegheny

County Were Notified That Their Hours Would Be Cut Due To ObamaCare. “To Community College of Allegheny County’s president, Alex Johnson, cutting hours for some 400 temporary part-time workers to avoid providing health insurance coverage for them under the impending Affordable Health Care Act is purely a cost-saving measure at a time the college faces a funding reduction.” (Mary Niederberger, “Health Care Law Brings Double Dose Of Trouble For CCAC Part-Time Profs,” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#), 11/19/12)

- **The Temporary Part-Time Employees Will Now Be Limited To 25 Hours A Week, While The School’s Adjuncts Will Be Limited To 10 Credits Per Semester.** “As a result, the college as of Dec. 31 will reduce temporary part-time employee hours to 25 per week. For adjuncts, the workload limit will be reduced from 12 to 10 credits per semester.” (Mary Niederberger, “Health Care Law Brings Double Dose Of Trouble For CCAC Part-Time Profs,” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#), 11/19/12)
- **Adjunct Professor Adam Davis: “We Don’t Have The Money To Pay For” ObamaCare.** “It’s kind of a double whammy for us because we are facing a legal requirement [under the new law] to get health care and if the college is reducing our hours, we don’t have the money to pay for it,” said Adam Davis, an adjunct professor who has taught biology at CCAC since 2005.” (Mary Niederberger, “Health Care Law Brings Double Dose Of Trouble For CCAC Part-Time Profs,” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#), 11/19/12)

MARYLANDERS WILL HAVE FEWER OPTIONS FOR INSURANCE UNDER OBAMACARE

“Aetna Exits Obamacare Exchange In Maryland Over Price.” (Caroline Humer, “Aetna Exits ObamaCare Exchange In Maryland Over Price,” [Reuters](#), 8/2/13)

The Health Insurer “Would Operate At A Loss” If It Offered Plans In The Exchanges. “In an August 1 letter sent to the Maryland Department of Insurance, Aetna said the state’s requirement for rate reductions off its proposed prices would lead it to operate at a loss. The rate reductions include products from Aetna and Coventry Health Care, which it bought this spring.” (Caroline Humer, “Aetna Exits ObamaCare Exchange In Maryland Over Price,” [Reuters](#), 8/2/13)

- **Aetna: Complying With ObamaCare “Would Not Allow Us To Collect Enough Premiums To Cover The Cost Of The Plans.”** “Unfortunately, we believe the modifications to the rates filed by Aetna and Coventry would not allow us to collect enough premiums to cover the cost of the plans, including the medical network and service expectations of our customers,” Aetna said in the letter to insurance commissioner Therese Goldsmith.” (Caroline Humer, “Aetna Exits ObamaCare Exchange In Maryland Over Price,” [Reuters](#), 8/2/13)

ObamaCare Has Also Forced Aetna To Rescind New Health Insurance Products For Marylanders. “On Friday, Aetna spokeswoman Cynthia Michener said the decision to withdraw from the individual market in Maryland included both new plans proposed for the exchange and new products for the individual market. Aetna and Coventry combined insure 13,000 individual members in Maryland and 620,000 individuals nationwide.” (Caroline Humer, “Aetna Exits ObamaCare Exchange In Maryland Over Price,” [Reuters](#), 8/2/13)

“Aetna Said It Was Not Clear Yet How The Move Would Affect All Of Its Current Policyholders In The State.” (Caroline Humer, “Aetna Exits ObamaCare Exchange In Maryland Over Price,” [Reuters](#), 8/2/13)

MARYLANDERS ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND JOBS WHILE OTHERS ARE RECEIVING PINK SLIPS DUE TO OBAMACARE

A Maryland Woman Says Employers Aren’t Hiring Due To ObamaCare’s Mandates. REPORTER: “And that’s exactly what Katie Frantz says has happened to her.” KATIE FRANTZ: “The job that I currently

have is part-time, and they don't want to let me be full-time because they don't want to pay me benefits, and I don't even need the benefits because I have it through my husband." ([WMDT-MD](#), 7/17/13)

101 Peninsula Regional Medical Center Employees Have Recently Learned That They Will Be Laid Off. "Fifty-eight more people will soon be out of work at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. ... The 58 employees losing their jobs will be from all different levels at the hospital. The total number of layoffs at PRMC now stands at 101, and hospital officials say more be on the way." ("Peninsula Regional Medical Center To Cut 58 More Jobs," [WBOC](#), 9/18/13)

- **ObamaCare Was Responsible For The Layoffs.** "PRMC has said in the past the layoffs are happening because of many factors including shorter hospital stays and ObamaCare." ("Peninsula Regional Medical Center To Cut 58 More Jobs," [WBOC](#), 9/18/13)

EVEN MARYLAND DEMOCRATS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT OBAMACARE'S IMPLEMENTATION

Democrat Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD): "We're Concerned About The Implementation." (Mike Lillis, "Hoyer: Dems Fear ObamaCare Glitches," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 5/14/13)

According To Democrat Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Democrats Are Concerned About The Political Fallout And "Conceded That Stumbling Blocks Are Inevitable" As ObamaCare Is Implemented. "Democrats anticipate glitches in ObamaCare's implementation and are anxious about the potential political fallout, Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) said Tuesday. But with the central reforms set to be installed within the next year, the Maryland Democrat also conceded that stumbling blocks are inevitable and Republicans will likely pounce on each one." (Mike Lillis, "Hoyer: Dems Fear ObamaCare Glitches," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 5/14/13)

- **ABC News/The Washington Post Poll: "Fifty-Five Percent, Further, Disapprove Of The Way Barack Obama Is Handling Implementation Of The Law, With 'Strong' Disapprovers Outnumbering Strong Approvers By A 23-Point Margin."** ([ABC News/The Washington Post Poll](#), 1004 A, MoE 4%, 9/12-15/13)

Democrat Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) Is Concerned About ObamaCare's Impact On Rising Health Care Premiums. "Senator Benjamin L. Cardin, Democrat of Maryland, said he told White House officials on Thursday that he was concerned about big rate increases being sought by the largest health insurer in his state. The company, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, has sought increases averaging 25 percent for individual insurance policies that will be sold in the state insurance exchange, and it is seeking increases of about 15 percent for small businesses. The company said the higher premiums reflected costs of complying with the new law." (Robert Pear, "Democratic Senators Tell White House Of Concerns About Health Care Law Rollout," [The New York Times](#), 4/26/13)

- **Health Insurance Premiums Are "Expected To Accelerate To 6.0 Percent, Up From 3.2 Percent In 2013."** "Improved coverage for those who currently have individually purchased insurance is also expected to influence higher spending growth. On a per enrollee basis, growth in private health insurance premiums is expected to accelerate to 6.0 percent, up from 3.2 percent in 2013." (Sean P. Keehan, et al, "National Health Expenditure Projections, 2012-22: Slow Growth Until Coverage Expands And Economy Improves," [Health Affairs](#), no. (2013))