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On The 4th Day Of ObamaCare, Democrats Gave To Me ... Four-Oh-Four Errors

THE FAULTY OBAMACARE WEBSITE HAS ALREADY COST TAXPAYERS NEARLY \$700 MILLION

Health And Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius Testified That The Administration Has Already Spent \$677 Million On The Federal ObamaCare Website. “In October, CMS Spokeswoman Julie Bataille said the total obligated for IT costs associated with the federal marketplace was ‘in the neighborhood of about \$630 million.’ Speaking on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said the number is now \$677 million.” (Adam Aigner-Treworgy, “ObamaCare Website Gets \$47 Million Price Hike,” [CNN](#), 12/11/13)

On Day 1, The ObamaCare Exchange Website Got Off To A Rocky Start

Consumers Are Facing Long Wait Times And “Problems With The Application Process.” “Early issues that some people are seeing include long wait times for accessing the site, problems with the application process and long waits to chat with customer service representatives online.” (Jason Millman, “HHS: ‘Aware’ Of HealthCare.gov Issues,” [Politico](#), 10/1/13)

- **“The Myriad Errors Underscore” The Challenges Facing ObamaCare Exchanges.** “The myriad errors underscore the challenge for federal health officials in mounting the online marketplaces, which are meant to enroll millions of patients in the next six months.” (Elise Viebeck, “Technical Problems Mar Launch Of ObamaCare Exchanges,” [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 10/1/13)

In ObamaCare's First 24 Hours, Only Six People Enrolled For Health Care. “The website launched on a Tuesday. Publicly, the government said there were 4.7 million unique visits in the first 24 hours. But at a meeting Wednesday morning, the war room notes say ‘six enrollments have occurred so far.’” (Sharyl Attkisson, “ObamaCare Enrollment Numbers Very Small, Documents Show,” [CBS News](#), 10/31/13)

- **In The First 48 Hours, Just 248 People Were Able To Sign Up On The ObamaCare Exchange Website.** “By Wednesday afternoon, enrollments were up to ‘approximately 100.’ By the end of Wednesday, the notes reflect ‘248 enrollments’ nationwide.” (Sharyl Attkisson, “ObamaCare Enrollment Numbers Very Small, Documents Show,” [CBS News](#), 10/31/13)

THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SET A NOVEMBER 30 DEADLINE THAT THE WEBSITE WOULD FINALLY WORK PROPERLY

President Barack Obama: “[A]nd By The End Of This Month, We Anticipate That It Is Going To be

Working The Way It Is Supposed To, All Right?" OBAMA: "And the website is already better than it was at the beginning of October, and by the end of this month, we anticipate that it is going to be working the way it is supposed to, all right? And folks are working 24/7 to make sure that happens." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks By The President On The Affordable Care Act](#), Dallas, TX, 11/6/13)

- **President Barack Obama: "And We've Got To Make Sure That We Get It Fixed, And We're Going To Get It Fixed By The End Of This Month."** OBAMA: "The website has not functioned. Nobody is angrier than I am about it. And we've got to make sure that we get it fixed, and we're going to get it fixed by the end of this month." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At DSCC Event](#), Dallas, TX, 11/6/13)

But The ObamaCare Exchange Website Relaunch Didn't Go As The Obama Administration Planned

The Updated ObamaCare "Website Got Off To A Bumpy Relaunch." "The Obama administration's overhauled healthcare website got off to a bumpy relaunch Monday as a rush of consumers caused an uptick in errors and forced the administration to put thousands of shoppers on the HealthCare.gov site on hold." (Noam N. Levey, "HealthCare.gov Has Rocky Relaunch," [Los Angeles Times](#), 12/2/13)

- **"The New Problems Came Just A Day After The Administration Announced That It Had Hit Its Goal Of Rescuing HealthCare.gov From Its Disastrous Launch Two Months Ago."** (Noam N. Levey, "HealthCare.gov Has Rocky Relaunch," [Los Angeles Times](#), 12/2/13)

Despite Claims By The White House That The ObamaCare Website Was "Fixed," Problems Remained Such As Outages And Slow Response Times. "Still, significant problems persist with the system. The report implies that the website continues to experience unscheduled outages at least 5 percent of the time, and officials signaled that there are still concerns about slow-downs during high traffic periods." (Devin Dwyer, "White House Declares ObamaCare Website Fixed, But Problems Persist," [ABC News](#), 12/1/13)

- **"The Ongoing Glitches Could Imperil The Success Of The Enrollment Process."** "But there is still much left to do for federal health officials, and ongoing glitches could imperil the success of the enrollment process." (Elise Viebeck, "HealthCare.gov Team Claims Victory: 'We Have Met The Goal,'" [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 12/1/13)

Efforts By Some ObamaCare Website Users To Enroll In A Health Plan Were Hampered By Glitches. "Reports of the site's functionality were mixed. Some users appeared able to access the system for the first time since it launched on Oct. 1, while others remained bogged down in technical glitches." (Elise Viebeck, "Back-Up System Goes Into Effect For HealthCare.gov," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 12/2/13)

- **Brett LoGiurato Of Business Insider Received An Error Message And Was Unable To Start An Application.** "A day after the Obama administration touted improvements in the dysfunctional federal health exchange website, I tried to start an application process on the site. I couldn't even start an application. I got the error message at right." (Brett LoGiurato, "Here's The Error Message I Got When I Just Tried Signing Up For ObamaCare," [Business Insider](#), 12/2/13)
- **Charles Ornstein Of ProPublica Suffered "Long Delays Loading Pages, An Endless Circle Of Tasks And Ultimately An Error Message."** "After a glowing news conference yesterday citing 'night and day' progress on HealthCare.gov, I decided to log in this morning and take the Web site for a test drive, as I'm sure many others are doing. Early reports had been promising. What I found was hardly encouraging — long delays loading pages, an endless circle of tasks (some already completed) and ultimately an error message." (Charles Ornstein, "'Please Wait': New-And-Improved HealthCare.gov Has Same Old Problems," [ProPublica](#), 12/2/13)

Back-End Problems Still Hamper Health Insurance Enrollments On The Federal ObamaCare Website

Insurers Continue To Receive Faulty Data And The Administration Still Must Complete The Subsidy Payment System. “Insurers continue to complain about unreliable data on applicants which they receive from the site. And the administration has not yet completed building the electronic payment system that will transfer government subsidies to insurance companies to help cover the cost of plans.” (Devin Dwyer, “White House Declares ObamaCare Website Fixed, But Problems Persist,” [ABC News](#), 12/1/13)

- **Problems That Affect The 834 Forms That Transmit A Consumer’s Data To Insurers Have Yet To Be Resolved.** “Still unresolved is the flawed application data being transmitted to insurance companies in the form of so-called 834 forms. Unless these errors are fully fixed, new policyholders could encounter serious problems when they seek to use their coverage.” (Elise Viebeck, “[HealthCare.gov](#) Team Claims Victory: ‘We Have Met The Goal,’” [The Hill’s Health Watch](#), 12/1/13)
- **As The Obama Administration Touts The ObamaCare Website Fixes, America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) Says There Are Still “Significant Issues That Need To Be Addressed” To Ensure That Consumers Are Covered On January 1, 2014.** “The main trade group for the industry, America’s Health Insurance Plans, issued a statement Saturday saying that the enrollment data issue was among several ‘significant issues that still need to be addressed.’ ‘Until the enrollment process is working from end-to-end, many consumers won’t be able to enroll in coverage. In addition to fixing the technical problems with [HealthCare.gov](#), the significant ‘back-end’ issues must also be resolved to ensure that coverage can begin on January 1, 2014. In particular, the continuing problems with processing ‘834’ enrollment files need to be fixed,’ said the association’s head, Karen Ignagni.” (Louise Radnofsky and Spencer E. Ante, “As Deadline Expires, Problems Persist With Health Site,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 11/30/13)

The Obama Administration Acknowledged That “As Many As 25 Percent” Of 834 Forms Submitted To Insurers In October And November Had Data Errors. “After days of stiff-arming reporters about errors on enrollment forms going to health insurance companies, federal officials said today that in October and November as many as 25 percent of those forms had data errors, and that those errors have now been reduced to 10 percent.” (Jamie Dupree, “Feds Finally Detail Health Enrollment Errors,” [Cox Media](#), 12/6/13)

- **Centers For Medicare And Medicaid Services Spokeswoman Julie Battaille Confirmed The Percentage Of 834 Forms That Had Faulty Data.** “After refusing to give any data for days, Battaille on Friday acknowledged that as many as one out of every four of the 834 forms generated when someone signed up for coverage on the healthcare.gov website had mistakes in October and November – but now it is down 10 one of every ten. ‘This analysis is preliminary and not final,’ said Battaille, as she told reporters there is an ‘intense’ effort inside the Obama Administration to fix the errors on every enrollment form that’s gone to a health insurance company.” (Jamie Dupree, “Feds Finally Detail Health Enrollment Errors,” [Cox Media](#), 12/6/13)

State ObamaCare Exchanges Are Experiencing Back-End Problems Of Their Own

In States That Have Had Success In Enrolling Consumers In Its State-Based ObamaCare Exchange, Fears Are Mounting That Those Exchanges Will Face The Same Back-End Problems Afflicting The Federal ObamaCare Exchange. “Even in states where ObamaCare enrollment is booming, insurance companies are running into significant behind-the-scenes technical glitches that could threaten Jan. 1 health coverage. Many of these 14 states and the District of Columbia have been eager to tout the success of their own exchanges compared with the bungled federal portal, but they now appear to be worrying

about back-end problems similar to those afflicting HealthCare.gov.” (Kyle Cheney and Jason Millman, “State Exchanges Hitting Data Snags, Too,” [Politico](#), 12/6/13)

Insurers In Kentucky, New York And Washington Have Already Received Faulty 834 Forms.

“Insurers in Kentucky and New York, for example, say they’ve received flawed 834 enrollment forms from their local exchanges, though the extent of the errors is unclear. Washington state has already had to correct thousands of 834s with faulty information about federal tax credits.” (Kyle Cheney and Jason Millman, “State Exchanges Hitting Data Snags, Too,” [Politico](#), 12/6/13)

- **Kentucky And New York Have Been Touted As The Gold Standard Of State-Based ObamaCare Exchanges.** “Yet problems with the back end of these 15 exchanges have received little attention. Not even the programs considered to be the nation’s best — including Kentucky’s Kynect and New York State of Health — seem immune.” (Kyle Cheney and Jason Millman, “State Exchanges Hitting Data Snags, Too,” [Politico](#), 12/6/13)

The State-Based 834 Form Problems “Could Endanger Coverage For Thousands Of People Who Think They’re Already Enrolled For The Start Of 2014.” “At the least, these issues run counter to the popular storyline: that states’ enrollment systems have vastly outperformed the Obama administration’s effort. At the worst, they could endanger coverage for thousands of people who think they’re already enrolled for the start of 2014.” (Kyle Cheney and Jason Millman, “State Exchanges Hitting Data Snags, Too,” [Politico](#), 12/6/13)

Thousands That Qualify For Medicaid Are Unable To Enroll Due To A New ObamaCare Exchange Website Glitch

People Shopping On The ObamaCare Website May Be Informed They Are Eligible For Medicaid But States Can’t Enroll Them Because The States Are Not Receiving Proper Data From The Obama Administration. “People shopping for insurance on the federal marketplace may be informed they’re eligible for Medicaid and that their information is being sent to state officials to sign them up. However, states aren’t able to enroll them because they’re not receiving usable data from the Obama administration. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services wrote a memo to the 36 states using the federal website last week acknowledging the information wasn’t being transferred automatically and saying another system was being developed to send it. More complete files could be sent as soon as next week.” (Seanna Adcox, “More Obamacare Woes: Federal Website Gives Unusable Medicaid Data,” [The Associated Press](#), 12/5/13)

- **“The Problem With Medicaid Coordination Could Affect Tens Of Thousands Of Applicants And Represents The Latest Issue To Arise In The Rollout Of A Website That’s Been Plagued With Long Waits For Users And Other Glitches.”** (Seanna Adcox, “More Obamacare Woes: Federal Website Gives Unusable Medicaid Data,” [The Associated Press](#), 12/5/13)

The Problems With Data Transfers For Medicaid Are Occurring In All 36 States Using The Federal ObamaCare Website. “Some users who fill out applications on the federal site may believe that they’re already being enrolled in Medicaid or that state officials will contact them, even though the agencies aren’t receiving the information they need, said Matt Salo, executive director of the National Association of Medicaid Directors. The data transfer problem is occurring in the 36 states where the federal site is deployed, regardless of whether they chose to expand Medicaid.” (Seanna Adcox, “More Obamacare Woes: Federal Website Gives Unusable Medicaid Data,” [The Associated Press](#), 12/5/13)

Another Glitch In The ObamaCare Exchange Website Incorrectly Places Consumers In Medicaid That Don’t Qualify

The Federal ObamaCare Website “Is Incorrectly Determining That Some People Are Eligible For

Medicaid When They Clearly Are Not.” “The federal health care exchange is incorrectly determining that some people are eligible for Medicaid when they clearly are not, leaving them with little chance to get the subsidized insurance they are entitled to as the Dec. 23 deadline for enrollment approaches.” (Jayne O'Donnell, “Federal Exchange Sends Unqualified People On Medicaid,” [USA Today](#), 12/9/13)

- **A Glitch In The ObamaCare Website's Subsidy Calculator Is Making Incorrect Subsidy Calculations.** “When consumers applying for insurance put their income information into subsidy calculators on HealthCare.gov — the exchange handling insurance sales for 36 states — it tells them how much financial assistance they qualify for or that they are eligible for Medicaid. If it's the latter, consumers aren't able to obtain subsidies toward the insurance, although they could buy full-priced plans.” (Jayne O'Donnell, “Federal Exchange Sends Unqualified People On Medicaid,” [USA Today](#), 12/9/13)