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All Aboard The ObamaCare Express

OBAMACARE IS ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH FAILURE

Democrat Senator Max Baucus (D-MT): "I Just See A Huge Train Wreck Coming Down." MAX BAUCUS: "I just see a huge train wreck coming down, you and I have discussed this many times, and I don't see any results yet." (Committee On Finance, U.S. Senate, [Hearing](#), 4/17/13)

Democrat Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) Said ObamaCare Was "Probably The Most Complex Piece Of Legislation Ever Passed" And That "Up To This Point It Is Just Beyond Comprehension." JAY ROCKEFELLER: "I believe that the Affordable Care Act is probably the most complex piece of legislation ever passed by the United States Congress. Tax reform obviously has been huge too, but up to this point it is just beyond comprehension." (Committee On Finance, U.S. Senate, [Hearing](#), 4/9/13)

With The Train Heading For A Wreck, ObamaCare's Engineers Are Stepping Up Their Criticisms Or Stepping Down Entirely

Senator Max Baucus (D-MT), An Architect Of ObamaCare "Is Retiring Rather Than Seek Re-Election In 2014." "Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) is retiring rather than seek re-election in 2014, according to two senior Democratic strategists familiar with his plans." (Paul Kane, "Baucus To Retire Rather Than Seek Re-Election In 2014, Strategists Say," [The Washington Post](#), 4/23/13)

Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), Who Was An "Active Participant" To The Passage Of ObamaCare "Will Not Seek A Sixth Term In 2014." "Democratic Senator Jay Rockefeller announced on Friday that he will not seek a sixth term in 2014 to represent his home state of West Virginia, which has been trending more Republican in recent years. ... Senator Rockefeller has been a strong supporter of organized labor and was an active participant in health care reform initiatives, including Obama's successful effort in 2010." (Richard Cowan, "Senator Rockefeller Announces Retirement," [Reuters](#), 1/11/13)

Former Obama Health Care Adviser Zeke Emanuel Says ObamaCare Uncertainty Is Driving Up Health Care Premiums. ZEKE EMANUEL: "The last thing, of course, is what happens with costs which may be the biggest question of all. Can the premiums be kept relatively stable and not growing at, you know, 10%, 12%. The first year is filled with uncertainty. No one including the insurers, the hospitals, the federal government knows how many people are going to come in, are they going to be a broad representation of people who are uninsured or are only the sick going to go in? That is a big fear of the

insurance companies. That's why you're seeing the increase in rates. They're worried, well, we'll only get the sick, we're going to pay a lot of money so we're increasing the rates as an uncertainty." (NBC's "[Meet The Press - Press Pass](#)," 4/21/13)

Health And Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius Told Reporters That Health Care Premiums Will Rise. "Some people purchasing new insurance policies for themselves this fall could see premiums rise because of requirements in the health-care law, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told reporters Tuesday." (Louise Radnofsky, "Sebelius: Some Could See Insurance Premiums," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 3/26/13)

Health Economist And ObamaCare Architect Jon Gruber: "A Slice Of The Younger Population" Will See An Increase In Health Premiums. "The increase will most likely be substantial for 'a slice of the younger population,' said Massachusetts Institute of Technology health economist Jon Gruber, a supporter of the health law who has studied its impact on premiums." (Brett Norman, "ACA Premium Sticker Shock Could Fuel Foes," [Politico](#), 2/4/13)

- **Gruber: Americans Who Purchase Their Health Care On "The Individual Market Will Experience An Average Premium Increase Of 31 Percent."** "After the application of tax subsidies, 59 percent of the individual market will experience an average premium increase of 31 percent,' Gruber reported." (Myles Miller, "ObamaCare Architect: Expect Steep Increase In Health Care Premiums," [The Daily Caller](#), 2/11/12)

OBAMACARE IS A TICKET THAT AMERICANS CAN'T AFFORD

The Cost Of ObamaCare Continues To Rise

Politico Headline: "Costs Of Exchanges Shoots Up." (Brett Norman, "Cost Of Exchanges Shoots Up," [Politico](#), 4/12/13)

Obama's Best Guesstimate Shows A Substantial Increase In Federal Spending On ObamaCare's Exchanges. "The Obama administration's best guess of how much it will spend to subsidize insurance on ObamaCare exchanges shot up substantially this year thanks in large part to the U.S. Supreme Court." (Brett Norman, "Cost Of Exchanges Shoots Up," [Politico](#), 4/12/13)

The Exchanges Will Cost "Roughly Twice As Much As Originally Intended." "Setting up the central piece of President Obama's healthcare law has cost the administration roughly twice as much as originally intended." (Sam Baker, "Costs Mount For Health Law's Exchanges," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 4/10/13)

- **Health And Human Services (HHS) "Expects To Spend \$4.4 Billion By The End Of This Year" To Set Up Exchanges, "HHS Had Estimated Last Year That The Grants Would Cost \$2 Billion."** "The Health and Human Services Department said in budget documents Wednesday that it expects to spend \$4.4 billion by the end of this year on grants to help states set up new insurance exchanges. HHS had estimated last year that the grants would cost \$2 billion." (Sam Baker, "Costs Mount For Health Law's Exchanges," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 4/10/13)

From 2014 To 2021, Obama Plans To Direct "A Massive Commitment Of Federal Resources" To ObamaCare Subsidies Totaling \$606 Billion. "According to the new White House budget, from the time the exchanges open in 2014 to 2021, the administration expects to spend about \$606 billion on subsidies, a massive commitment of federal resources." (Brett Norman, "Cost Of Exchanges Shoots Up," [Politico](#), 4/12/13)

- **The Hefty Commitment Of Federal Resources Projected In Obama's FY14 Budget Is "65 Percent More Than The \$367 Billion" Requested In Obama's FY12 Budget.** "That's about 27 percent more than the \$478 billion projected in the president's budget last year, and 65 percent

more than the \$367 billion for the same period in the 2012 budget.” (Brett Norman, “Cost Of Exchanges Shoots Up,” [Politico](#), 4/12/13)

ObamaCare’s Impact On Health Care Premiums Will Increase Costs

The Nonpartisan Society Of Actuaries Found That ObamaCare Will Increase Health Insurance Costs “By An Average Of 32 Percent Per Person.” “The Society of Actuaries, a nonpartisan professional association, has issued a new report warning that the cost of medical claims in the new individual-insurance market could rise by an average of 32% per person over the first few years the law is in place, as more people with higher medical needs get coverage, and that the impact will be very different depending on the state. Medical bills are another key factor in determining premiums.” (Louise Radnofsky, “Sebelius: Some Could See Insurance Premiums,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 3/26/13)

- **The Premium Increases Come From ObamaCare’s Affect On “Medical Claims Costs -- The Biggest Driver Of Health Insurance Premiums.”** “Medical claims costs — the biggest driver of health insurance premiums — will jump an average 32 percent for Americans’ individual policies under President Barack Obama’s overhaul, according to a study by the nation’s leading group of financial risk analysts.” (Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, “Study: Health Overhaul To Raise Claims Cost 32 Percent,” [The Associated Press](#), 3/26/13)

An “Overwhelming Majority” Of States Will Face Double-Digit Increases. “While some states will see medical claims costs per person decline, the report concluded the overwhelming majority will see double-digit increases in their individual health insurance markets, where people purchase coverage directly from insurers.” (Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, “Study: Health Overhaul To Raise Claims Cost 32 Percent,” [The Associated Press](#), 3/26/13)

And ObamaCare Is Already Having An Impact On Small Businesses

A Wall Street Journal Survey Found That 77 Percent Of Small Business Owners Expect Health Care Costs To Rise As ObamaCare Is Implemented. “Nearly half, or 46% of 889 small-business owners surveyed by The Wall Street Journal and Vistage International say they don’t know if providing health insurance will be more or less costly than facing penalties. More than three quarters, or 77%, polled online from March 11 to March 20, expect their health-care plans to cost more next year under the health-care law.” (Emily Maltby and Sarah E. Needleman, “Some Small Businesses Opt For The Health-Care Penalty,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/7/13)

To Avoid ObamaCare’s Costs, Some Small Business Owners Plan To Avoid Expanding Their Business Above The 50 Full-Time Employee Threshold Or To Shift Full-Time Workers To Part-Time. “To avoid the employer mandate, some small firms are considering other strategies, such as increasing employees’ share of the premiums, so they don’t have to shoulder the entire cost of offering benefits. Others say they will stay under the 50 full-time employee threshold or deliberately turn full-time workers into part-timers.” (Emily Maltby and Sarah E. Needleman, “Some Small Businesses Opt For The Health-Care Penalty,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/7/13)

- **“Confusion About The Law And Its Requirements Abounds, And Even Some Small Businesses That Will Not Be Affected May Be Changing Their Behavior Because Of It.”** (Catherine Rampell, “Part-Time Work Becomes Full-Time Wait For Better Job,” [The New York Times](#), 4/19/13)

The Obama Administration Has “Failed” Small Businesses By Delaying An ObamaCare Program Intended To Help Small Businesses. “The key incentive for small businesses to support ObamaCare was that they would be able to shop for the best deals in health care super-stores—called exchanges. The Administration has had 3 years to set up these exchanges. It has failed to do so.” (Joe Klein, “ObamaCare Incompetence,” [Time](#), 4/2/13)

The Obama Administration Is Delaying “A Major Selling Point” Of ObamaCare That Would “Provide Affordable Health Insurance To Small Businesses.” “Unable to meet tight deadlines in the new health care law, the Obama administration is delaying parts of a program intended to provide affordable health insurance to small businesses and their employees — a major selling point for the health care legislation.” (Robert Pear, “Health Law Provision For Small Business Delayed,” [The New York Times](#), 4/1/13)

- **The Measure “Was Portrayed As A Major Advantage” Of ObamaCare And Was “Mentioned Often By White House Officials And Democratic Leaders.”** “The promise of affordable health insurance for small businesses was portrayed as a major advantage of the new health care law, mentioned often by White House officials and Democratic leaders in Congress as they fought opponents of the legislation.” (Robert Pear, “Health Law Provision For Small Business Delayed,” [The New York Times](#), 4/1/13)