



Enrollments Stall, Cancellations Soar

As ObamaCare Enrollment Lags, Health Plan Cancellation Letters Continue To Be Delivered

THE INITIAL OBAMACARE ENROLLMENT NUMBERS ARE LACKLUSTER

According To People Familiar With The Enrollment Figures, Only 50,000 People Enrolled In Health Insurance Plans Through The ObamaCare Website. “Initial reports suggest that fewer than 50,000 people successfully navigated the troubled federal health-care website to enroll in private health insurance plans as of last week, two people familiar with the matter said Monday.” (Christopher Weaver and Louise Radnofsky, “HealthCare.gov Enrollment Falls Far Short Of Target,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 11/11/13)

A Separate Report Found That Only “About 50,000 Have Signed Up For Medicaid And Private Plans” Through State Exchanges, Representing “Just 3 Percent Of The Total Number Expected To Buy ObamaCare Coverage In Those States.” “The report came after consulting firm Avalere Health reported that about 50,000 people have signed up for Medicaid and private plans through 12 state-run exchanges. The number represents just 3 percent of the total number expected to buy ObamaCare coverage in those states. The findings shed light on how many enrollees the administration could announce when it releases its own data this week.” (Jonathan Easley and Elise Viebeck, “Overnight Health: Lackluster Sign-Up Reports For Obamacare,” [The Hill](#), 11/11/13)

“The Early Tally Falls Far Short Of Internal Goals Set By President Barack Obama's Administration” Of 500,000 Enrollees In October Alone. “The early tally falls far short of internal goals set by President Barack Obama's administration in the months leading up to the opening of the HealthCare.gov site Oct. 1, and the low number has worried health insurers that are counting on higher turnout. ... The administration had estimated that nearly 500,000 people would enroll in October, according to internal memos cited last week by Rep. Dave Camp (R., Mich.). An estimated seven million were expected to gain private coverage by the end of March, when the open-enrollment period is set to end.” (Christopher Weaver and Louise Radnofsky, “HealthCare.gov Enrollment Falls Far Short Of Target,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 11/11/13)

OBAMACARE'S UNDERWHELMING ENROLLMENT NUMBERS COME AS MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE RECEIVING CANCELLATION NOTICES

15 Million Americans Could Lose Their Plan. “But in a nation of more than 300 million, 5 percent is a big number — about 15 million people.” (“ObamaCare Finally Gets Real For Americans: At Least 3.5 Million Health Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/4/13)

- **“At Least 3.5 Million Americans Have Been Issued Cancellations...”** “At least 3.5 million Americans have been issued cancellations, but the exact number is unclear. Associated Press checks find that data is unavailable in a half the states.” (“ObamaCare Finally Gets Real For Americans: At Least 3.5 Million Health Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/4/13)

The Health Plan Cancellation Notices Continue To Pile Up

66,000 Tennesseans Were Recently Informed That They Will Have To Choose A New Health Care Plan Because Of New ObamaCare Mandates. “Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, the largest underwriter of individual health plans in the state, plans to send about 66,000 letters to consumers over the next year informing them that they will have to choose another policy. Other insurers are doing the same thing. The changes are necessary because of the Affordable Care Act’s minimum requirements. The federal health law dictates that plans must provide a certain level of coverage for 10 essential health benefits, ranging from the birth of a baby to rehabilitative services. It also ended yearly and lifetime monetary limits on coverage — which was a standard element of most health insurance policies.” (Tom Wilemon, “BlueCross BlueShield Customers Must Pick New Plan,” [The Tennessean](#), 11/11/13)

ObamaCare Is Forcing 5,300 Delaware Residents From Their Health Care Plan. “About 5,300 Delaware residents will lose the health insurance policies they have now under Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware because of changes required by the Affordable Care Act, the company’s spokesman said Friday afternoon.” (Beth Miller, “Cancellation Notices Hit 5,300 Del. Insured,” [The News Journal](#), 11/9/13)

Richmond Times Dispatch Headline: “Health Policy Cancellations Hit Virginia.” (Tammie Smith, “Health Policy Cancellations Hit Virginia,” [Richmond Times Dispatch](#), 11/9/13)

- **The Cancellations Could Affect “10 Percent To 12 Percent Of The Health Insurance Market In Virginia.”** “Gray said the individual health insurance market is about 10 percent to 12 percent of the health insurance market in Virginia.” (Tammie Smith, “Health Policy Cancellations Hit Virginia,” [Richmond Times Dispatch](#), 11/9/13)

Nearly 36,000 North Dakotans Will Lose Their Health Care Plan Due To ObamaCare. “North Dakota Insurance Commissioner Adam Hamm says nearly 36,000 people in the state will have their policies canceled under President Barack Obama’s health care law. Individual health insurance policies are being canceled for millions of people nationwide who buy individual insurance policies as federal health care reform requires plans to cover certain benefits. Policies are being discontinued because they don’t meet the higher benefit requirements of the Affordable Care Act.” (“Nearly 36K Losing Health Care Coverage In ND,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/8/13)

According To Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon, 92,739 People Will Be Kicked Off Of Their Insurance 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)

- **The Number Losing Their Insurance Represent More Than Half Of Louisiana’s Individual Insurance Market.** “The figure could account for close to half of the 165,000 people in Louisiana who hold individual health insurance plans that they pay for without the help of an employer or the government.” (Rebecca Catalanello, “80,000 Louisianians’ Health Insurance Policies Will Be Canceled Under Affordable Care Act,” [The Times-Picayune](#), 11/4/13)

“Nearly 250,000 Coloradans Are Learning From Their Insurers This Fall That Their Existing Health Coverage Is Being Canceled, Many As A Result Of The Affordable Care Act.” “Nearly 250,000

Coloradans are learning from their insurers this fall that their existing health coverage is being canceled, many as a result of the Affordable Care Act, the state insurance division said Wednesday. The Colorado Division of Insurance responded to reporters' queries to tally up the canceled policy notices, which are being issued to customers with 2013 health insurance in place. The division said some of the cancellations are because of the controversial Affordable Care Act provision that all 2014 policies meet minimum standards; other cancellations are simply insurance companies making business decisions, division officials added." (Michael Booth, "Nearly 250,000 Colorado Health Policies Canceled, Many From Obamacare," [The Denver Post](#), 11/6/13)

22,000 New Hampshire Residents Have Been Notified That They Will Lose Their Current Health Plan Due To ObamaCare. "Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield NH informed about 22,000 of its 30,000 individual health insurance holders their current policies will be discontinued at the end of the year because they will not comply with Affordable Care Act requirements beginning Jan. 1. Speaking to the Joint Health Care Reform Oversight Committee Tuesday, Paula Rogers, director of government relations for Anthem NH, said the letters were sent to all individual policy holders who were not grandfathered by having policies before the ACA passed in March 2010." (Gary Rayno, "Anthem: 22,000 were told their health insurance would be cancelled in NH," [Union Leader](#), 11/6/13)

73,000 Marylanders Will Lose Their Health Care Plan Due To ObamaCare. "About 73,000 policy holders around the state will lose their insurance in coming months because nine insurance companies are dropping some health plans that were not grandfathered under the Affordable Care Act, the Maryland Insurance Administration confirmed Monday. The act requires plans to carry minimum benefits. Only those policies created before March 23, 2010, when the health law passed can be grandfathered, according to the law." (Meredith Cohn, "73,000 Losing Coverage As Insurers Drop Plans," [The Baltimore Sun](#), 11/4/13)

- **"The Breakdown In Policy Holders Includes: Carefirst Of Maryland Inc., 25,888; Carefirst Bluechoice, 17,235; Group Hospitalization And Medical Services Inc., 12,435; Aetna Life Insurance Co., 7,007; Coventry Health And Life Insurance Co., 5,615; Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Of The Mid-Atlantic States Inc., 5,019; Mega Life And Health Insurance Co., 28; Celtic Insurance Co., 7; United American Insurance Co., 1."** (Meredith Cohn, "73,000 Losing Coverage As Insurers Drop Plans," [The Baltimore Sun](#), 11/4/13)

5,360 Alaskans Will Lose Their Existing Plans. "Coon said discontinuation notices have gone to about 5,360 other members, who have been told they will be matched to new plans that are closest to what they had before in an effort to keep anyone from losing coverage." (Becky Bohrer, "Premera Sends Alaskans Health Policy Cancellation Notices, Will Offer New Plans," [Anchorage Daily News](#), 11/1/13)

- **Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield, Alaska's Largest Health Insurer, Is Cancelling More Than Half Of Its Individual Policies Due To ObamaCare.** "The largest health insurer in Alaska has sent cancellation notices to more than half its individual members in the state because their existing policies do not meet requirements of the new federal health care law. Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield spokeswoman Melanie Coon said Friday that of its more than 9,000 individual members in Alaska, fewer than 3,800 were on "grandfathered" plans. Those are plans that were in existence before March 23, 2010, and have changed very little." (Becky Bohrer, "Premera Sends Alaskans Health Policy Cancellation Notices, Will Offer New Plans," [Anchorage Daily News](#), 11/1/13)

According To The Associated Press, 330,000 Floridians Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare. "State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Florida 330,000." ("State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled," [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)

- **Florida Blue Is Cancelling 300,000 Policies Or “About 80 Percent Of Its Individual Policies.”** “Florida Blue, for example, is terminating about 300,000 policies, about 80 percent of its individual policies in the state.” (Anna Gorman and Julie Appleby, “Thousands Of Consumers Get Insurance Cancellation Notices Due To Health Law Changes,” [Kaiser Health News](#), 10/23/13)

Nearly 280,000 Kentuckians Will Lose Their Health Care Plan Due To ObamaCare. “About 280,000 Kentuckians will have to give up their current insurance policies in the months ahead and enroll in alternatives that comply with the federal Affordable Care Act. Kentucky Department of Insurance spokeswoman Ronda Sloan said individual policies for about 130,000 people will be discontinued, as will small group policies for about 150,000 more.” (“About 280,000 Kentuckians Losing Current Coverage,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)

ObamaCare Mandates Will Cause 800,000 New Jerseyans To Lose Their Health Care Plan.

“Hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans opened the mail last week to find their health insurance plan would no longer exist in 2014 because it does not cover all the essential benefits required by the Affordable Care Act. ... The changes will impact more than 800,000 people in New Jersey who purchase insurance on the individual and small-employer markets, according to Ward Sanders, president of the New Jersey Association of Health Plans.” (Dan Goldberg, “ObamaCare Causes Insurance Companies To Scrap Some Plans, Create New Ones,” [The Star-Ledger](#), 10/6/13)

According To *The Associated Press*, Millions More In Other States Have Already Received Health Plan Cancellation Letters. “Millions of Americans who buy their own health insurance are being informed that their policies will no longer be offered starting in the new year because they do not meet the higher standards of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)

- **90,000 Alabamans Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Alabama 90,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **900,000 Californians Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... California 900,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **21,300 Washington D.C. Residents Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Washington D.C. 21,300.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **400,000 Georgians Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Georgia 400,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **105,000 Idahoans Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Idaho 105,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **108,000 Hoosiers Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Indiana 108,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **1,000 Iowans Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Iowa 1,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)

- **225,000 Michiganders Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Michigan 225,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **140,000 Minnesotans Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Minnesota 140,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **600 Mississippians Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Mississippi 600.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **26,000 New Mexicans Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... New Mexico 26,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **100,000 New Yorkers Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... New York 600.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **160,000 North Carolinians Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... North Carolina 160,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **150,000 Oregonians Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Mississippi 150,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **215,000 To 250,000 Pennsylvanians Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Pennsylvania 215,000 to 250,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **290,000 Washingtonians Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Washington 290,000.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)
- **3,200 Wyomingites Are Having Their Policies Cancelled Because Of ObamaCare.** “State - Number of people with discontinued policies ... Wyoming 3,200.” (“State By State: 3.5 Million Insurance Policies Canceled,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/2/13)