



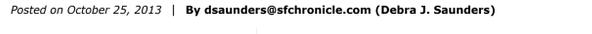
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Half a million Californians could lose their health care under Obamacare next year

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This Kaiser Health News story has been reverberating across the Internet because it starts to put together the numbers of private health-plan insureds who are receiving cancellations.

Florida Blue, for example, is terminating about 300,000 policies, about 80 percent of its individual policies in the state.

On Forbes' Avik Roy's blog, Josh Archambault crunched the numbers and concluding, "More Americans in 3 States Have Had Their Insurance Canceled Under Obamacare than have filed an exchange account in all 50."

According to this link as of December 2012, there were 491,977 covered lives in individual health care plans regulated by the state Department Insurance that are not grandfathered under the Affordable Care Act.

California Association of Health Plans president Pat Johnston told me that by law providers must cancel non-grandfathered individual policies.

I'll keep you updated as I get more information.

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What is apparent is the right has no idea to replace ACA with at all. None. Zilch. Nada.

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I am Self Employed and have a premium Kaiser Policy on an individual plan for which I will be paying 2500 a month next year.

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Obama promised that no one would lose a health care plan that they liked. Oops!

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@Orangebee I approve of someone holding the insurance industry feet to the fire to make them cover pre existing conditions and not have lifetime maximums etc.

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Democrats HATED Bush's Medicare plan D. But after it was made into LAW(as the ACA is now)-the Dems HELPED IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

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Just say anything, Debra. If it sounds believable, the GOPers will take it in. It doesn't need to be the truth ... or anywhere close.

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@see\_span Yes it does sound believable. Insurance companies are reporting the information. Why would you not believe that they are canceling policies? Ideological blindness?

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@klokeid I do believe that insurers are canceling policies and that they are either using loopholes in the new law which allow them to do this or they are required to cancel non conforming policies.

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We are going to see a raft of hospital bankruptcies. Sequestration has cost them over \$11billion and the ACA is going to cost them many billions more.

Don't get sick. Go vegan, don't ride ...

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@cntrlsrutzner I agree, personal bankruptcy in this country due to medical issues lead the pack as to reasons for Bankruptcy.

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@snippie I opt to stiff the hospital and not pay the penalty, it's easy, thanks to suckers like you.

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Time will tell, but so far it doesn't look good. \$684 million for a web site that doesn't work is not a good indicator of things to come.

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@qwagstaff -True, the overall goal of the plan and the details are in dispute with each other. This is what happens when a cronny of the FLOTUS obtains a no bid contract and the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing.

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@fbseagull -Even Dianne Feinstein wants it delayed, she signed the letter with the other 9 senators.

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This might be a blessing in disguise. I have avoided health insurance for 10 years now, using a trick I learned from my Mexican neighbor family.

Now the great thing about Obamacare, is that if you want or need more care for your injury or sickness, you can just sign up for it in October during open enrollment, since ...

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@Bc99 It will be a real hoot when you break something or have an unpleasant diagnoses months before the next open enrollment. Good luck with that!

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@snippi I guess you don't read so let me repeat it for you slowly: just walk into any emergency room.. They have to treat you. I've already done that once for me and three times for my kids. Any chollo worth his salsa knows that.

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This is an utterly bogus article. The hurdle for existing plans to be grandfathered is very low. They don't have to meet all the ACA requirements for new plans.

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@cntrlsrutzner -Except that CBS and CNN are reporting the exact same thing.....

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@snippie - "See", and here's the deal on that... I may not need all that either, but what about my aging parents (hospice, et al.) or my daughter or daughter in law (or any other female relative between 12 & 54)?

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Most of the cuts are because people had plans too insufficient to meet the basic points of coverage required by ACA. If they didn't need any of those things before, they were lucky, and now they won't go bankrupt when/if they have a catastrophic illness or injury.

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@snippie I can decide for myself what I want from insurance I'm paying for. Just because the government says it's insufficient doesn't mean it is. Talk about lies...

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@squabtaco If a better plan is cheaper, which would you go for --- the older more expensive one or the newer cheaper one?

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