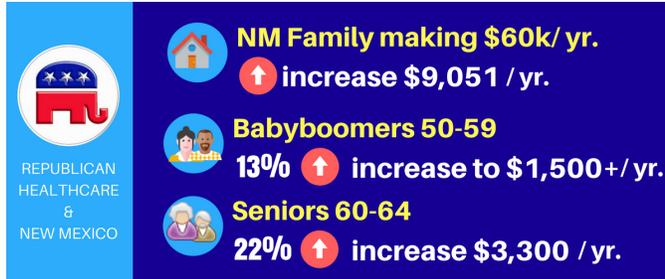


What would the Republican plan mean for New Mexico?

A New Mexico family of four making less than \$60,757 a year, their average health cost is estimated to increase by \$9,051 a year from what they pay todayⁱ.



Seniors

An analysis by the AARPⁱⁱ found that: Seniors aged **60 to 64** would see their annual premiums **soar 22%, or nearly \$3,200**, to nearly \$18,000

Those in their 50s would be hit with a **13% increase, or just over \$1,500**, and pay an annual premium of \$12,800.

That's because the Republican plan allows insurance companies to charge seniors 5x what they charge younger enrollees – creating a 22% hike in prices overnight.

Medicaid

The Republican plan would end Medicaid as we know it. Under Obamacare, more than 200,000 uninsured New Mexicans accessed healthcare through Medicaid, a program providing low-cost health insurance for those who cannot afford it.

An expansion of Medicaid, paid for by Obamacare and administered by the state, helped add more than 19,000 new good paying healthcare jobs in New Mexico. If Medicaid is frozen in 2019, then capped and cut as the Republican plan proposes, health care experts say most of those newly covered (and healthier) New Mexicans would go back to being uninsured and using emergency rooms for health care.

What about rural health care?

Rural communities are worried that community hospitals and clinics would close under the Republican plan. Obamacare added more than 200,000 to insurance rolls and community health clinics and local hospitals added new jobs and services to meet their needs.

If Medicaid payments to doctors and hospitals are reduced, along with Medicaid enrollment freezes and higher health care premiums, rural hospitals which rely on insurance patients to provide a market for services will likely close. In Colorado, *the Denver Post*ⁱⁱⁱ reports that rural hospitals there said they would freeze plans for new facilities and jobs in case the Republican plan passes. The Republican plan includes \$433 million in one-time funds for rural health centers – but only for 1 year. After that, those centers are on their own (likely a way to say they added rural health care, but without actually funding it long-term).

Will the Republican plan give Steve Pearce a tax cut?

Probably. Pearce is one of the 50 wealthiest members of Congress. *The Atlantic*¹ and Center for Responsive Politics reported Pearce's net worth at \$20,364,007 in 2013.



In addition to his congressional salary of about \$175,000, Pearce reported annual investment income of between \$300,000 and \$3 million on his 2015 Congressional financial disclosures¹.

The Republican plan includes a number of tax cuts for people like Pearce, including a repeal of an Obama-era 3.8% tax on investments like Pearce's for people making over \$200,000, like Pearce¹ and a new 0.9% hike in the Medicare tax for people earning more than \$250,000 a year¹, like Pearce.

To pay for tax cuts for the wealthy, "The American Health Care Act [Republican Plan] would increase premiums by 15-20% in 2018 and 2019," *Forbes* magazine reports, with most of those hikes coming to low-income and seniors.

Steve Pearce did what?

Congressman Steve Pearce has voted to repeal Obamacare – without any plan to help the sick or newly insured – more than 40 times.

In 2013, Pearce voted with Tea Party Republicans at least 4 times to shutdown the government until Obamacare was repealed (remember the shutdown when New Mexico’s bases closed, parks were closed and veteran benefits were late?)

- Aug. 20, 2013, (HR2009), Pearce: YES, Sept. 30, 2013,(HJ59) Pearce: YES; Sept. 28, 2013, (Shutdown Vote), Pearce: YES, Sept. 30, 2013, (shutdown vote), Pearce: YES, Oct. 17 (16 days into the government shutdown, vote to reopen government): Pearce: NO

Voted to cut food stamp funds

“U.S. Representative Steve Pearce is facing charges of hypocrisy after it was revealed that he voted for \$39 billion in cuts from the federal food stamp program, while spending over \$1,000 in taxpayer money on meals for himself.” – The National Memo, September 24, 2013

Hiding from Constituents

“Staffers from congressman's office play hide-and-seek with constituents”, Fox News, Feb. 17, 2017. “When the constituents for a congressman in New Mexico showed up at his office to demand a town hall meeting, the door was practically slammed in their faces by his staff.”

On women...	Veterans & Gold Star Families	Public Lands
<p>Rep. Steve Pearce (R-NM) explains in his recent memoir that it is the wife’s role to “voluntarily submit, just as the husband is to lovingly lead and sacrifice.”</p> <p>“Congressman: ‘The Wife Is To Voluntarily Submit’ To Her Husband”, ThinkProgress, 1/23/14</p>	<p>While many are criticizing Donald Trump’s rhetoric against the parents of a soldier who died in Iraq, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce said the Republican presidential nominee’s comments are politically fair game.</p>  <p>Screenshot of Khizr Khan and his wife at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.</p> <p>The congressman from southern New Mexico, who supports Trump, <u>told KOB</u> that “most of the comments were right on track...”</p>	<p>Center for American Progress named Steve Pearce to the new Anti-Parks caucus along with 19 other federal representatives and senators who have filed at least 44 different bills to sell off or otherwise exploit our national parks and public spaces for profit since 2013.</p> <p>-progressnownm.org 4/19/16</p>

ⁱ David Cutler, John Bertko, Topher Spiro, and Emily Gee: a Harvard economist, the chief actuary for California’s health exchange, the vice president for health policy at CAP and a health economist at CAP. (in other words, smart people who do this for a living), vox.com, <http://www.vox.com/the-big-idea/2017/3/7/14843632/aca-republican-health-care-plan-premiums-cost-price>

ⁱⁱ <http://money.cnn.com/2017/03/06/news/economy/republicans-obamacare-repeal-replacement-bill/>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.denverpost.com/2017/01/18/obamacare-repeal-could-close-colorado-hospitals/>