

STOP THE REPUBLICAN SHUTDOWN

DEBUNKING LIES ABOUT IMMIGRANTS AND HEALTH CARE

Republicans know that they are on the wrong side of the fight for affordable health care. Rather than work with Democrats to fix their cruel policies, they have shut down the government and fled Washington. Now, they are lying to the American people with false claims about undocumented immigrants and health care.

Here's the truth: Undocumented immigrants are not eligible for health care tax credits or comprehensive Medicaid coverage. Democrats have not proposed changing that. That is why independent fact checkers have debunked these Republican lies:



POLITIFACT: Republicans falsely tie shutdown to Democrats wanting health care for immigrants illegally in the US

“The Democrats' proposal wouldn't give health care to immigrants illegally in the U.S. — they are already largely ineligible for federally funded health care. Instead, the proposal would restore access to certain health care programs for legal immigrants who will lose access under the Republican law.”



CNN: Vance Repeats False Claim That Dems Want To Give Health Care Coverage To Undocumented Immigrants

CNN's Daniel Dale: “[Vance] attempts to justify the claim that Democrats are pushing for free health care for illegal immigrants by citing the fact that you can encounter undocumented people in hospital emergency rooms... That is not the case. This has been a government policy for decades. Hospitals are required to provide emergency care to whoever turns up there.”



AP: Democrats did not shut down the government to give health care to 'illegal immigrants'

THE FACTS: This is false. Democrats say they are pushing for the inclusion of key health care provisions in the next congressional spending package. In particular, they are seeking an extension of tax credits that millions of Americans use to buy insurance on the Affordable Care Act exchange and a reversal of Medicaid cuts made in the bill Trump signed into law in July. However, immigrants in the U.S. illegally are not eligible for any federal health care programs, including insurance provided through the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid.”



NEW YORK TIMES: Explaining the G.O.P.'s Misleading Talking Point on the Looming Shutdown

“Republicans have been falsely asserting that Democrats are shutting down the government to fund free health care for unauthorized immigrants...The Democrats' budget proposal seeks to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies set to expire at the end of the year, and roll back Medicaid cuts in the tax cut and domestic policy law signed by President Trump in July. But the proposal does not provide free health care for unauthorized immigrants.”