

are down to three insurers, while rural areas may be like Tyler and have no choice but a single insurance carrier.

Perhaps nothing is more offensive in ObamaCare than the presumption that bureaucrats in Washington can create a one-size-fits-all healthcare system for 323 million Americans living across 50 states.

To reduce costs in Texas, and elsewhere, not only must every word of ObamaCare be repealed but the decades-old grip of federal mandates on healthcare must also be abolished. States must have greater flexibility to develop the laws best suited to the people.

“Mandated coverage” drives up price and reduces coverage choices. Americans must be allowed to shop for market-based health insurance across state lines, and the states must be free to allow a market of insurance products with choices for customers.

Unfortunately, the Republican leadership in Congress has failed to deliver on any of their promises. Even the so-called “repeal and replace” effort of the GOP would have repealed only one of the mandates.

The Republicans’ plan would also have required taxpayers to continue subsidizing the healthcare of able-bodied adults through expanded Medicaid coverage for three more years at a cost of billions of dollars. Meanwhile, an estimated 7 million Americans would find themselves without insurance as more and more employers are forced to drop coverage.

Famed ObamaCare architect Jonathan Gruber admitted as much in a TV interview. “[The Republican Repeal and Replace bill] is no longer an ObamaCare repeal bill — that’s good.” He continued: “If you look at what’s criticized [about] ObamaCare, it was subsidies, it was regulations . . . this law wouldn’t really change those . . . It really [doesn’t] change very much.”

The CEO of insurance giant Aetna has described ObamaCare as putting the insurance market into a “death spiral.” ObamaCare was intended as a death sentence for what ever remained of free markets in healthcare. Obviously, the idea that motivated Gruber and others in the Obama administration when they

were designing ObamaCare was to overwhelm the health insurance system and bankrupt the market in order to make a single-payer government monopoly as the only alternative left to Americans.

If the Republican leadership actually cares about the plight of Texans, and all Americans, under ObamaCare, one would be hard-pressed to find proof.

The last six years of the Obama Administration saw Republicans constantly voting to repeal ObamaCare — when they knew that their votes did not matter. With a president sitting in the White House ready to sign a repeal, Republicans have — to borrow a phrase from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher — gone “wobbly” on the issue.

Even if it’s not a priority for Republicans in the federal Congress, those in the Texas Senate recognize the problem. In a party-line vote earlier this year, the Texas Senate approved a resolution calling for the full repeal of ObamaCare.

Republicans in Congress must follow through on their campaign promises and rid Americans of the scourge of ObamaCare. If they won’t, then the time has come to replace those congressmen with public servants who will listen to their constituents and take action. 

OBAMACARE LIES

“If you like your healthcare plan, you will be able to keep your healthcare plan.”

The TRUTH is that the healthcare plans of millions of Americans have been cancelled.

“If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor.”

The TRUTH is that ObamaCare’s narrow provider networks have NOT allowed millions of Americans to see their own doctors.

“We’re going to lower your premiums by up to \$2,500 per family per year.”

The TRUTH is that premiums have increased by double-digits every year since the law passed in 2010.

“No family making less than \$250,000 a year will see their taxes increase.”

The TRUTH is that ObamaCare contains 18 new or increased taxes, even for those making less than \$250,000 a year.

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The TRUTH is that because of ObamaCare, long-term debt is increased over \$6 trillion.

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