

ACA Anti-Sabotage Report

The U.S. Constitution requires the President to “take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed....” The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is the “law of the land”, yet, having failed to get Congress to repeal a law that helps tens of millions of Americans, the current incumbent is instead attempting to undermine and sabotage it. This is just one way in which Trump is working against the people and our democracy.

Unfortunately, just last week a federal court decided not to block one of Trump’s sabotage maneuvers by allowing him to cutoff ACA Cost Sharing Reduction payments that reduce out-of-pocket expenses for many covered by the ACA:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/cbo-forecasts-that-alexander-murray-health-care-plan-would-slightly-lower-deficit/2017/10/25/8f8fd8c2-b998-11e7-be94-fabb0f1e9ffb_story.html?utm_term=.2c744e6b4cd0

Yet, healthcare sabotage is complicated. While many Americans, including Trump supporters, will be hurt by his sabotage, others, particularly those who can least afford it, may actually be helped:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-health-202/2017/10/26/the-health-202-10262017-health202/59f0eb1e30fb045cba000a42/?utm_term=.b8b60c956fb7

As an example of the ACA’s inherent resiliency, in red-state Tennessee, despite the state having put up roadblocks to ACA implementation beyond those of the Trump administration, ACA enrollment has reportedly been strong:

<http://www.newsobserver.com/opinion/editorials/article181291516.html>

Thus, contrary to Trump’s proclamations that the ACA is “dead”, it does and can continue to help Americans get affordable healthcare. Actions in the coming weeks to support ACA enrollment are important to keeping the ACA alive for those who need it. To that end, Indivisible has created an “Open Enrollment Organizing Toolkit”:

<https://www.indivisible.org/resource/open-enrollment-organizing-toolkit/>

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