Five Ways OBBBA Harms Health Care

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A new federal law, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act ("OBBBA"), contains many healthcare-related changes that will coverage it harder to Washingtonians to get and keep health coverage under Medicaid (Apple Health), Medicare, and the Marketplace (WA Healthplanfinder).

The bill also damages the health care safety net. Together with related policies, OBBBA is expected to cause 400,000 Washingtonians to lose health care.

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1. **Immigrants Lose Care:** The OBBBA dramatically lowers the number of lawfully present immigrants who are eligible for Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, and Marketplace Premium Tax Credits.

2. **Expensive Administrative Requirements Increase:** The OBBBA increases the amount of paperwork required for individuals and government agencies, which costs the state money, takes up people's time, and makes it harder for people to get care.

3. **Healthcare Programs Cover Fewer People:** The OBBBA makes it harder for many people, especially immigrants and people aged 19-64 who earn under 138% of the federal poverty level, to get benefits, and makes existing benefits more expensive.

4. **Weakened State Healthcare Systems and Safety Nets:** The OBBBA makes it harder for the state to fund its own health care resources and decreases the amount of federal funds that the state gets for healthcare. This weakens the health care system for everyone while driving up insurance costs.

5. **Other Acts Make the Effects of the OBBBA Worse:** Recent federal Notices, the expiration of Enhanced Premium Tax Credits, and a recent federal rule all act together with the OBBBA to reduce healthcare access for the most vulnerable.

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