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## In the News:

### ACA Lawsuit Could Jeopardize 52 Million Americans' Access to Health Care

The Trump administration is working to repeal protections for people with preexisting conditions, writes Carolyn Y. Johnson for the Washington Post, a move that could leave millions unable to afford health insurance.

There is currently a pending district court lawsuit over the legality of the portion of the ACA that prohibits insurers from discriminating against people based on their health history.

Last week, the Justice Department filed a brief arguing that the judge should strike down these protections.

If the lawsuit is successful, some 52 million people with preexisting conditions, including asthma, diabetes, cancer, heart disease and even pregnancy, could see their premiums rise and, in some cases, their access to insurance disappear.

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### Medicare Financial Outlook Worsens

Medicare's hospital insurance trust fund could run out of money by 2026, according to an annual report the Medicare board of trustees last week submitted to Congress.

The aging population, the GOP's attempts to kill the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and the Republican tax bill are all putting financial pressure on Medicare funding, writes Phil Galewitz for Kaiser Health News.

Medicare helps pay for hospital stays, home health services, nursing homes and hospice costs, as well as physician visits and other outpatient services.

Lower payroll taxes mean less funding for the program, and changes to the ACA individual mandate mean millions of people will likely go without health insurance. This will result in strain on a special Medicare fund intended to pay hospitals that will be facing higher rates of uncompensated care.

Medicare currently provides health coverage to more than 58 million people, primarily seniors and people with disabilities.

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