

No matter which bill the GOP goes with, it's a tough slog since they don't yet seem to have the votes yet. But they are working on getting them and we are seeing some slippage so now is the time to connect back to moderate Republicans like Murkowski, Portman, Collins, Capito, Heller, Flake, etc. and urge them to abandon this crazy repeal quest and move on with the business of governing. The latest negotiations include:

- A **new \$200 billion amendment for Medicaid** expansion states in BCRA. Of course, that amount is a drop in the bucket compared to what's needed. CBPP has good analysis here: <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/200-billion-more-wont-fix-unfixable-senate-health-bill>

In a last-ditch effort to save their bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Senate leaders are [reportedly](#) offering \$200 billion to win the votes of senators from states that expanded Medicaid under the ACA. This new fund would presumably supplement private coverage for those who gained Medicaid coverage under the expansion but would lose it under the Senate bill. No senator should fall for it. While \$200 billion seems like a lot of money, it's only 17 percent of the bill's \$1.2 trillion in cuts: \$756 billion from Medicaid and \$427 billion from subsidies to help low- and moderate-income people buy coverage in the individual market, according to the [latest](#) Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates (see chart). It wouldn't even fill the federal funding gap left by repealing the Medicaid expansion — let alone prevent the harm from the bill's per capita cap on federal funding for all of Medicaid and the loss of subsidies and erosion of market reforms for people with individual market coverage.

- The **Cruz Amendment**, under assault from the insurance and Senate colleagues, was not scored by CBO with the rest of the bill and is still hanging out there. . . it's not clear right now whether it will be part of the package or not.

There are many good resources here:

- **CBPP's Analysis on Today's CBO Score:** <https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/new-cbo-estimate-still-22-million-more-uninsured-under-revised-senate-republican>
 - **Shareables here:** <https://www.cbpp.org/social-media-graphics-on-senate-republican-aca-repeal-bill>
 - **Tweet ideas:**
 - CBO: Revised Senate GOP health plan would cause coverage losses, #Medicaid cuts, higher premiums, & more.
 - New CBO score shows that despite revisions, harmful effects of Senate GOP health plan remain.
 - CBO: Revised Senate GOP health bill would still cause 22M to lose insurance.
- **What HHS Got Wrong on the Cruz Amendment:** <https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/hhss-flawed-presentation-on-cruz-amendment-comparing-apples-to-oranges-while>
 - As you also may have seen, HHS released their own score of the Cruz amendment yesterday, which comes to conclusions that contradict those of every other independent analysis we've seen to date and whose methodology includes many obvious flaws. Our analysis on why their estimates don't add up is above.
- **Senate Bill Wouldn't Help People In Coverage Gap:** <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/senate-bill-wouldnt-help-people-in-coverage-gap>
- **New! The BCRA Would Cut Coverage, Raise Costs Even Without Cruz Amendment:** <https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/senate-health-bill-waivers-would-undermine-key-consumer-protections-for-people-with>