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GOP Has Sole Ownership of Wisconsin's Rising Health Insurance Premiums, a Result of Years of Sabotage and Undercutting the Affordable Care Act.

MADISON - In October, Gov. Scott Walker's deputy commissioner of insurance J.P. Wieske admitted

that President Donald Trump's sabotage of health care insurance markets was a leading factor in the skyrocketing health care premiums set to be faced by Wisconsinites.

At the time, <u>Trump took steps to end Cost Sharing Reduction payments</u>, a purposeful sabotage of the American health-care system, predicted

to spike Wisconsinites' health care premiums by an average of 36%.

But Republicans' sabotage of the American health insurance system began years ago, via dozens of attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act with no plan whatsoever to replace it. Then, starting early last year, Republicans, attempted to force through <u>a series of Affordable Care Act repeal bills</u>

that would have stripped health care away from up to 30 million. Americans and ended protections for people with preexisting conditions.

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