

Next week, the House of Representatives is expected to vote on legislation that would repeal the health care law (“Obamacare”) passed by Congress last year. One of the many serious flaws of the new health law is that it will result in millions of senior citizens losing their current Medicare Advantage health plans. According to a [study](#) published last fall by the Heritage Foundation, by the time Obamacare is fully implemented in 2017, approximately 7.4 million seniors will have been forced out of their Medicare plan. The Heritage analysis also found that Shasta County, California, would have the second-highest Medicare Advantage enrollment loss of any county in the United States – a nearly 75% drop. This is unacceptable and contradicts President Obama’s promise that his plan would improve access to care and coverage. Many seniors have found that Medicare Advantage plans are a cost-effective way to obtain benefits that are not available under the traditional Medicare program, and I believe these choices should continue to be available to seniors regardless of what region of the country they live in.

I intend to strongly support the effort to repeal Obamacare in order to preserve Medicare choices for Northern California seniors, as well as to eliminate job-killing tax hikes and the unconstitutional “individual mandate” that would require all Americans to buy government-approved health insurance. After repealing this fatally flawed law, I believe Congress must also work to enact a different kind of health care reform – one that will truly bring down health care costs while improving access to affordable care.