

MAGIC MITCH'S BAG OF HEALTH CARE TRICKS



THE DUNCE CAP

The bill caps and radically cuts Medicaid funding but shifts money around to give some added dollars to low-spending (largely Republican) states. Only a dunce would think that added money will come close to offsetting massive Medicaid cuts.

Penalizes states with higher Medicaid spending—unless it's a high-spending state with Republican votes Mitch needs to pass this bill—like North Dakota and Alaska—and then the state is magically exempt from the penalty. This buy-off is no substitute for the real Medicaid expansion coverage residents in states, like Alaska, will lose.



THE KLONDIKE-COWBOY KICK-BACK



THE DROP-IN-THE-BUCKET GRANTS

Gives states grants for opioid treatment. These grants are a drop-in-the-bucket compared to the real health coverage that residents in hard-hit states like West Virginia and Ohio need—and will lose under this bill.

Ends real Medicaid expansion coverage and replaces it by giving people below poverty subsidies to buy the plan's gutted marketplace coverage—the hitch is that premiums and deductibles will eat up most of their income. Selling this as a replacement for real coverage is pulling a bait-and-switch on state residents.

THE BAIT AND SWITCH (BS) COVERAGE



THE SHELL GAME

Leaves hospitals footing the bill for uncompensated care. It rewards hospitals in states which didn't expand with a tiny bit of money, but this financial assistance is no substitute for real health coverage for state residents.

If Mitch McConnell wants to push through the terrible Senate Republican “Better Care Act”—a massive tax cut for the rich masquerading as a health care plan—he can't afford to lose Republican votes.

Several Republican senators know that the bill is bad for their state, so Magic Mitch has tossed in some tricks to give them a better shot at spinning the bill and hiding its massive health care cuts from their constituents.

Here are some of the tricks in McConnell's bag—but don't be fooled. These are only bones. None of these substitute for giving you real, dependable, affordable access to care.

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DON'T FALL FOR MAGIC MITCH'S TRICKS**