

## Mike Espy supports disastrous Obamacare

Even though Mississippians continue to feel the harmful consequences of Obamacare, Mike Espy supports it. Not only that, he has doubled down, vowing to protect and strengthen the disastrous legislation in the Senate.

While individual market premiums rose 116 percent in Mississippi between 2013 and 2017, in 2016 alone, Mississippians bore the highest health insurance burden when the cost of premiums and deductibles are compared to the state's median income.

Instead of trying to find a plan that works for Mississippi, Mike Espy would rather stick to a plan that we already know has failed.

Learn more about Mike Espy's flawed view of Obamacare below.

### ***Despite Obamacare Being Called An "Unmitigated Disaster" For Mississippi, Espy Released A Campaign Plan That Includes "Protecting And Strengthening The Affordable Care Act"***

**Espy's Campaign Released A Plan That Included "Protecting And Strengthening The Affordable Care Act."** "Protecting and strengthening the Affordable Care Act. There are many aspects of the ACA that should continue, such as the same insurance rates for women as for men, requiring coverage regardless of pre-existing conditions, the new birth control benefit, basic services for pregnant and postpartum women, and allowing coverage for young adults up to age 26 on parent's insurance. We must expand the ACA to require coverage for mental health and prescription drugs and providing coverage for preventive services without cost-sharing." (Liz Carroll, "Espy Marks Labor Day With Plans To Address Gender Inequality In The Workplace," [WITY](#), 9/3/18)

**According To The Department Of Health And Human Services, Individual Market Premiums Increased 116% From 2013 to 2017.** ("Individual Market Premium Changes: 2013 – 2017," [Department Of Health And Human Services](#), 5/23/17)

#### *Appendix A. Individual Market Premiums, 2013 vs 2017, by state*

	Average Monthly Premium (MLR data) 2013	Average Monthly Premium (CMS MIDAS) 2017	Dollar Increase 2013 vs 2017	Percent Increase 2013 vs 2017
Mississippi	\$211	\$455	\$244	116%

**In Its First Year, Obamacare Was An "Unmitigated Disaster" For Mississippi That Left The State "Trapped In A Severe And Intractable Health Care Crisis."** "The first year of the Affordable Care Act was, by almost every measure, an unmitigated disaster in Mississippi. In a state stricken by diabetes, heart disease, obesity and the highest mortality

rate in the nation, President Barack Obama's landmark health care law has barely registered, leaving the country's poorest and most segregated state trapped in a severe and intractable health care crisis." (Sarah Varney, "Mississippi, Burned," [Politico](#), 12/2014)

**In 2016, Mississippians Had The Highest Health Insurance Burden When The Cost Of Premiums And Deductibles Are Compared To The State's Median Income.** "Mississippi carries the highest health insurance burden when premiums and deductibles are compared to median income." (Michaela Morris, "Mixed Legacy: Obamacare Expands Insurance, Mississippi Still Faces Challenges," [Daily Journal](#), 10/30/16)