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Insurance premiums for Obamacare plans would rise 20 percent next year and people in small pockets of the country wouldn't have any insurance options if President Donald Trump scraps a key insurance subsidy, according to a new [analysis](#) from the CBO.

Trump has repeatedly threatened to pull the Obamacare subsidy - worth an estimated \$7 billion this year - that helps insurers lower out-of-pocket health care costs for low-income customers. Trump must decide by early next week whether to make next month's payment.

The nonpartisan CBO also found eliminating the payments would increase the deficit by \$194 billion over a decade because of higher spending on premium subsidies.

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