

STATEMENT

Shomari Figures Heled Implement A Policy That Guttled Over \$700 Billion From Medicare, Raised Taxes By \$1 Trillion, Resulted In Thousands Of Alabama Families Losing Their Health Insurance Plans And Increased Health Insurance Premiums.

Verification

Figures Says He Will Build On “The Legacy” Of Obamacare And He Is “Proud” To Implement The ACA While At The White House. “In Congress, I will work to build on the legacy of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). I am proud to have been part of the team that helped support the implementation of the ACA while working for President Obama in the White House. I would strive to incentivize the state of Alabama to expand Medicaid like (40) other states have already done. Medicaid expansion would provide approximately 300,000 people in this state with access to quality healthcare coverage, and it would save the state money in the long run.” (Mike Cason, “Race for Congress in District 2: Democratic candidates on healthcare, rural hospital closures,” Alabama.com, 2/27/24)

Obamacare Cut \$716 Billion From Medicare. “That \$716 billion figure is one you'll probably be hearing a lot about during this election cycle. It's worth understanding where it comes from and what the spending reductions mean for the Medicare program. First, where it comes from. On July 24, the Congressional Budget Office sent a letter to House Speaker John Boehner, detailing the budget impact of repealing the Affordable Care Act. If Congress overturned the law, ‘spending for Medicare would increase by an estimated \$716 billion over that 2013–2022 period.’” (Sarah Kliff, “Romney’s Right: Obamacare Cuts Medicare By \$716 Billion. Here’s How.,” The Washington Post, 8/14/22)

“According To The New CBO And JCT Estimates, The Gross Tax Increases In The Law Now Total \$1.058 Trillion Over 2013-2022.” “New estimates by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) confirm what America already knows – that the Democrats’ health law is a trillion-dollar tax hike that families and employers simply cannot afford. The recent Supreme Court ruling left in place 21 tax increases enacted as part of that law, a dozen of which – marked with an asterisk (*) below – target Americans earning less than \$200,000 per year for singles and \$250,000 per year for married couples, in clear violation of the President’s pledge to avoid tax hikes on low- and middle-income taxpayers. According to the new CBO and JCT estimates, the gross tax increases in the law now total \$1.058 trillion over 2013-2022. That new amount is nearly twice the “advertised” ten-year tax hike amount claimed when Democrats originally pushed the law through Congress just two years ago.” (“CBO/JCT Confirm That Obamacare Is A \$1 Trillion Tax Hike,” United States House Committee On Ways And Means, 7/25/12)

Humana Dropped All Its Alabama Plans From The Health Insurance Exchange Set Up Under Obamacare. “Humana Inc. is dropping all its Alabama plans from the health insurance exchange set up under Obamacare, leaving the state with just one remaining company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama.” (Amy Yurkanin, “Humana Pulls Out Of Alabama, Leaving One Insurer On Obamacare Exchange,” Alabama.Com, 5/6/16)

Which Resulted In About 15,000 Humana Customers In Alabama Losing Coverage. “Humana only has about 15,000 customers in Alabama, both on and off the exchange, according to Healthinsurance.org. Almost 200,000 people in Alabama purchased insurance on the exchange during the open enrollment period that ended in January. Most of them purchased plans through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, which offers products in all 67 counties.” (Amy Yurkanin, “Humana Pulls Out Of Alabama, Leaving One Insurer On Obamacare Exchange,” Alabama.Com, 5/6/16)

“The Obama Administration Acknowledged On Monday That Premiums For Health Care Plans Created Under The President’s Signature Affordable Care Act Will Rise Substantially Next Year — Another Hiccup For The Law, Also Known As ‘Obamacare.’” (“Why Health Care Premiums Are Rising Under Obamacare,” ABC News, 10/25/16)