

USA: New destructive health plan

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Millions in U.S. are closely following the prospect of the new healthcare plan, passed by the House of Representatives days ago with a very tight 217- 213 margin.

Named American Health Care Act (AHCA, by its English acronym), it was conceived by Republicans to replace Obamacare.

On this matter, analysts say that many lawmakers, including members from that party, do not endorse clauses of the aforementioned bill.

Republicans, they add, with exceptions, wish to eliminate the Affordable Care Act (ACA, by its English acronym), better known as Obamacare.

However, when they passed the so-called American Health Care Act recently, they showed how far they are willing to go.

El Nuevo Herald editorial published on Monday explained it when writing:

“They do not like that millions of people remain without health insurance”, as well as that conditions with long treatment be stopped.

But many House Republicans voted in favor of the bill for the sake of repealing Obamacare, remarked El Nuevo Herald.

In Washington they predict that the Senate could be less drastic, although its Republican members seek to protect their vote with excuses.

Here the leading figure is far-right Senator Marco Rubio, who adopts shifting stances very easily.

Then the editorial suggests him not to forget that in 2015 his state had larger number of Obamacare supporters than in the entire country.

Also that Florida voters, as it happens to more millions in the nation, are worried because the Capitol gave green light to Trumpcare.

It also advised Rubio to remind his colleagues that it is no longer about rejecting Obama's previous healthcare plan.

Then it put the lawmaker on the ropes, telling him that it's about opposing the current president, "as he promised during his re-election campaign to the Senate".

To many's surprise, only Ros-Lehtinen, due to yet nebulous reasons, ascertained the following:

"I won't support a bill that can cause a serious harm to the health and lives of the people from South Florida".

If approved, she warned, "the oldest and poorest", will find it more difficult to obtain healthcare regarding any illness.

And we are sure, the editorial stated, that she would have done the same even if she was not retiring from her post within a few months.

Obamacare is not perfect, the newspaper added, but thanks to that law, millions have received a life-saving healthcare.

Along with that it said, "House lawmakers eliminated the protection for 24 million Americans" rather than improving their shortcomings.

Finally, the Editorial Board wrote that the new policy defunds insurance coverage for planned parenthood, people with cancer, heart disease, or HIV/AIDS.

Everything is even worse with the following possibilities:

It increases the cost of insurance bonuses, cuts back Medicaid expansion, and makes Americans with insurances provided by their employers feel uncertain.

Don't be astonished at anything, that's the wild and harsh nature of Capitalism.

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