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News from Representative Miller-Meeks



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Dear Fellow Iowan,

As a physician, I spent decades caring for patients before I ever came to Congress. I believe deeply that our health care programs should serve the people who need them most, and that every dollar meant for a patient should reach that patient. That is why a [new report](#) demands our attention.

The nonpartisan Government Accountability Office, the federal government's own

independent watchdog, recently found serious weaknesses in the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) marketplace. Investigators discovered that weak safeguards allowed fraudulent and unauthorized enrollments to slip through the system. In fact, at least [160,000 Americans had their health plans changed without their knowledge or consent](#), leaving families with surprise costs, higher deductibles, and disrupted access to the medications and care they depend on.

This should concern every one of us, regardless of party. When fraudsters exploit a health care program, two things happen. Hardworking taxpayers foot the bill, and the patients the program was built to serve are pushed aside. Improper payments in this program may be costing taxpayers as much as [\\$27 billion a year](#). That is money that should be going toward care, not into the pockets of bad actors gaming the system.

I have made rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse a [cornerstone](#) of my work in Congress. I have [introduced](#) legislation to strengthen oversight of Medicaid, to bring [transparency](#) to health care pricing, and to hold [accountable](#) those who steal from the programs our seniors, children, and most vulnerable neighbors rely on. This report only strengthens my resolve.

I want you to know that I am committed to cleaning this up. We can protect taxpayer dollars and protect patients at the same time. In fact, we must do both, because they are the same fight. Every family in Iowa deserves a health care system that is honest, accountable, and worthy of their trust.

I will keep fighting to restore integrity to these programs and to ensure your hard-earned dollars are treated with the respect they deserve.

If you want to stay updated on the work I'm doing to root out waste, fraud, and abuse, I invite you to subscribe to my [weekly newsletter](#).

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Sincerely,



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