

WisDems: Leah Vukmir puts powerful insurance companies first

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Vukmir is campaigning on gutting protections for Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions and taking us back to the days when insurance companies could write their own rules

MADISON — Following her career-long record of siding with powerful insurance companies and legislating their agenda, Republican U.S. Senate candidate Leah Vukmir is campaigning on multiple efforts to gut protections for Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions.

In the state legislature, Vukmir repeatedly voted with insurance companies at the expense of Wisconsin families –consistently opposing coverage expansions for Wisconsinites, and even voting against coverage for [hearing-impaired kids](#) and [Wisconsinites in need of oral chemotherapy treatments](#).

During her U.S. Senate campaign, Vukmir has — true to her record — [backed multiple efforts to gut protections](#) that prevent insurance companies from jacking up prices on or denying coverage to Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions.

1. Vukmir supports repealing the Affordable Care Act's protections for people with pre-existing conditions — Vukmir is [campaigning on repealing the Affordable Care Act and gutting its protections for Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions](#). Vice President Mike Pence has said that [Vukmir is the vote that Republicans need in the U.S. Senate](#) to pass a Republican repeal plan that would gut pre-existing condition protections. Vukmir is on the record supporting 3 separate GOP repeal plans that would gut protections for Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions.

- **AHCA:** Vukmir supported [the American Health Care Act](#), writing in [an ALEC press release](#) that it “ensures a stable transition away from the Affordable Care Act.” The AHCA would gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions, take health care away [from 23 million Americans](#) and allow insurance companies to charge older Americans thousands more for coverage, [according to the AARP](#).
- **Graham-Cassidy:** Vukmir supported [the Graham-Cassidy health care repeal bill](#). The Graham-Cassidy repeal plan would gut protections for pre-existing conditions, take health care [away from 21 million Americans](#), [spike health care premiums](#), and impose an “age tax” on older Americans, [according to the AARP](#).
- **BCRA:** Vukmir indicated support for [the Better Care Reconciliation Act](#), calling it a “great starting point.” The BCRA would [gut protections for pre-existing conditions](#), [spike insurance premiums](#), [take care away from 22 million Americans](#), and impose an “age tax” on older Americans by letting insurance companies charge them more, [according to the AARP](#)

2. Vukmir supports lawsuit that seeks to strike down the Affordable Care Act’s protections for people with pre-existing conditions — Vukmir is supportive of Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel’s Gov. Scott Walker-endorsed lawsuit that seeks to dismantle the Affordable Care Act’s protections for Wisconsinites who have pre-existing conditions.

3. Vukmir supports GOP “junk insurance” plans that lets insurers discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions — Vukmir [says she supports](#) the Trump Administration’s rule to let insurance companies issue so called “junk insurance” plans, which [the AARP says](#) allows insurance companies to “deny coverage to people with preexisting conditions [...] and impose an age tax, charging older Americans much higher premiums.” That’s a stark contrast with Tammy Baldwin, who’s [leading the fight to protect coverage protections for people with pre-existing conditions](#) by seeking to overturn Republicans’ “junk insurance” plan rule.

When it comes to health care, Leah Vukmir is looking out for powerful insurance companies — she just isn’t on Wisconsin’s side.