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A doctor explains how a new rule proposed by the Trump administration would force vulnerable people to make impossible decisions.

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Scrolling down the list of my primary care patients, I wondered who might be affected from Cameroon. An elderly woman with brittle bones from the Dominican Republic. Ecuador. The Trump administration's proposal to deny green card status to people with assistance and Medicaid threaten several of my patients with a harrowing choice: immigration status.

CMS slashes navigator funding to just \$10 million

By Virgil Dickson | July 10, 2018

Applicants to be navigators on the federal health insurance exchange will be competing for just \$10 million in funding this year, down from \$36 million last year, according to the CMS' funding notice. Groups winning contracts will also be expected to promote not just qualified health plans but association and short-term plans as well.

rded in each of the 34 states that use coverage. Contracts will go to chambers of

South Carolina ranked 8th worst in nation for health care; cost and access are issues

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Ranking measured cost, quality and access



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South Carolina is the eighth worst state in a new national ranking of health care.

The average American spends more than \$10,000 a year on health care, or about 17.9 percent of GDP, according to the financial website WalletHub, which produced the report.

But cost and quality can vary widely across states, WalletHub reports.

The researchers looked at 40 indicators, including the cost of care, accessibility and outcomes, to determine the states with the best and worst health care.

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- Define “accessible healthcare”
- Current state
- Dreams



Social Impact

- Front Door vs. ER Door
- Right Policy
- Appropriate Use
- Covered Kids



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Issue	ACA Certified Insurance Navigator	Insure SC Licensed Insurance Agent
Provide ACA Health Insurance Marketplace enrollment assistance	✓	✓
Provide SC Healthy Connections Medicaid enrollment assistance	✓	✓
DIRECTLY enroll consumers in		
ACA Health Insurance Marketplace	✓	✓
Medicare Supplements/Advantage Plans	✗	✓
Medicaid	✗	✗
Medicare premium financial assistance programs	✗	✓
Off-Marketplace private health plans	✗	✓
Off-Marketplace dental plans	✗	✓
Off-Marketplace vision plans	✗	✓
Off-Marketplace small group coverage	✗	✓
DIRECTLY enroll consumers by phone	✗	✓
Proactively address premium payment issues	✗	✓
Communicate directly with insurance carrier on consumer's behalf	✗	✓
Communicate directly with ACA Health Insurance Marketplace on consumer's behalf	✗	✓
Access consumer's ACA Health Insurance Marketplace online account on behalf of consumer	✗	✓
Direct submit data-matching/income verification documents	✗	✓
Receive training and marketing materials from carrier	✗	✓
Make a plan recommendation	✗	✓

**“Of all the forms of
inequality, injustice in
health care is the most
shocking and
inhumane.”**

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.





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