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ObamaCare Veers Off the Tracks

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In the latest sign ObamaCare is a [train wreck](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/may/2/reid-agrees-baucus-health-care-train-wreck-if-not/) (<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/may/2/reid-agrees-baucus-health-care-train-wreck-if-not/>), the Obama administration has [announced](http://edworkforce.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=341405) (<http://edworkforce.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=341405>) it will not enforce the law's employer mandate next year. This dramatic decision to delay implementation of a critical part of the health care law has surprised many. For weeks the administration has claimed the law was running on schedule except for a few minor [bumps in the road](http://thehill.com/blogs/healthwatch/health-reform-implementation/296935-obama-healthcare-rollout-wont-be-perfect) (<http://thehill.com/blogs/healthwatch/health-reform-implementation/296935-obama-healthcare-rollout-wont-be-perfect>).

In fact, just last month Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius [suggested](http://edworkforce.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=335462) (<http://edworkforce.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=335462>) to the House Education and the Workforce Committee that implementation of the law was moving along just fine. Here is how [committee Democrats responded](http://democrats.edworkforce.house.gov/press-release/health-reform-law-providing-positive-change-families-employers-and-governments-says) (<http://democrats.edworkforce.house.gov/press-release/health-reform-law-providing-positive-change-families-employers-and-governments-says>) to the secretary's testimony:

Despite repeated and false attacks against the Affordable Care Act leveled by opponents, Health and Human Services Sec. Kathleen Sebelius testified today that the implementation of the historic law is on track and already delivering positive results for Americans...

"This is all good news and stands in contrast to the claims we've been hearing from the other side for three years," said Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), the senior Democratic member of the Education and the Workforce Committee. "Playing politics with the Affordable Care Act has become something of an Olympic sport for the majority. Now is not the time to reverse course and go back to the days where insurance companies were in charge. Our nation's businesses, families, and our government can't afford it."

Now that the Obama administration has "reversed course" on an important part of its government run health care scheme, what's next? Will higher taxes on medical innovation be postponed? Will the looming rate shock expected to hit families and small businesses be averted? Will all Americans receive relief from the threat of higher taxes for failing to purchase government-approved health insurance? One thing is certain: As the ObamaCare drama unfolds, you never know what's going to happen next. Perhaps it's time Washington Democrats recognized – as the Obama administration seemed to do last night – that their health care law is fatally flawed and the American people deserve better.

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