

Young on only low Obamacare enrollment

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According to information released by the Department of Health and Human Services this afternoon, only 701 Hoosiers successfully selected insurance plans through the flawed Healthcare.gov website from October 1 through November 2. While the administration touts this as an enrollment number, they also admit they included both individuals who completed the purchase and those who have put a plan into their online shopping cart, but have not decided to enroll.

“These numbers are abysmal, to say the least,” said Young. “This is the clearest sign yet that Obamacare is not ready to be launched, and Hoosiers—many of whom are losing coverage, losing their doctors, and face tax penalties next year as a result of this law—are suffering as a result. While a malfunctioning website certainly exacerbates the problems by preventing people from gaining coverage, merely fixing glitches won’t solve most of the problems created by this law.”

Nationally, the administration reports that just under 27,000 people were able to select a plan through the federal exchange in the 36 states without a state-based exchange, with another 79,000 people selecting plans through state-based exchanges. The total figure of 106,000 is far short of the White House’s stated goal of 494,620 enrollments for the first month.

The full HHS report can be accessed at
http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2013/MarketPlaceEnrollment/rpt_enrollment.pdf.

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