The costs of #TaxScam2 could be $3 trillion over 10 years—that’s more than TaxScam1, which cost about $2 trillion. To deal with the ballooning deficit caused by TaxScam1:

- Trump proposed slashing $1.3 trillion from Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP)].
- House Republicans proposed slashing $2 trillion from Medicare, Medicaid and the ACA [CBPP]. They also proposed $3 trillion in other cuts, including to:
  - Food for families ($157 billion from SNAP)
  - Veterans benefits ($59 billion)
  - Transportation and infrastructure ($317 billion)

TaxScam1 also robbed the ACA of more than $300 billion to help pay for tax cuts for price-gouging drug companies and health insurers. As a result:

- 8 million people will lose health coverage. [Brookings Institution]
- ACA health plan insurance premiums will spike 10%, on average, most years for the next decade, adding $2,000 to a typical family’s insurance bill. [Center for American Progress]
- Premium increases will be even steeper for older adults, creating in effect an “age tax.” The average 64-year-old individual could face a $1,500 premium hike. [AARP]

**COST & DISTRIBUTION OF #TAXSCAM2**

- **Cost:** $2.8 to $3 trillion over 10 years—2026 to 2035 (not counting an expected corporate tax cut on new investments). The cost is $630 billion over the first three years. [CBPP] [Tax Policy Center, TPC]
- **Tax cut for richest 1%:** $40,000 on average. Bottom 40% (incomes below $55,000) would get an average tax cut of $285—less than $1 a day. [TPC]
- **Distribution:** Richest fifth would get 65% of the tax cuts; middle fifth would get 10%; poorest fifth would get 2% [ITEP]

**TAX POLICY CHANGES**

#TaxScam2 will likely make permanent individual provisions of TaxScam1 that expire in 2025:

- Cuts in personal income tax rates
- Increases in the standard deductions, and the elimination of the personal exemption
- 20% deduction for pass-through business income, which mostly benefits the richest 1%
- Doubling value of estates & gifts exempted from tax (from $11 to $22 million a couple)
- Increasing the amount of income exempt from the Alternative Minimum Tax; the AMT ensures that wealthier taxpayers pay more in taxes than they would due to loopholes
- Expansions of the child tax credit
- Cap on the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction and limitation to the mortgage interest deduction—all these are tax increases