

# Editorial:            GOP            acting spiteful

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House Republican leaders have shown how far they are willing to go to cave to the tea party faction. They signaled on Wednesday that they are willing to shut down the federal government if they don't get their pipe dream to defund Obamacare.

They simply are unwilling to acknowledge that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which they call Obamacare, is the law of the land.

Those under age 65 who don't get health insurance through their employer, Medicare or Medicaid will be able to enroll in an "exchange" starting Oct. 1 to buy health insurance that starts January 2014.

Many other provisions already have taken effect. Congress passed and President Obama signed Obamacare into law in 2010. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the law in June 2012.

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