

# Biden: Health care sign-ups may fall short of goal

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Vice President Joe Biden meets with women who have either signed up for coverage or have helped others sign up for insurance under the federal health care law during a stop at Moose and Sadie's coffee shop Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014, in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Jim Mone, Pool)

Vice President Joe Biden says it will be a good start for the federal health care law if 5 million to 6 million people sign up by the end of March. That would be significantly short of the Obama administration's

unofficial goal of 7 million.

Biden is visiting Minneapolis for a private fundraiser. He made a brief unannounced stop Wednesday at a coffee shop and chatted with a handful of women who have signed up for [health care](#) coverage.

Open enrollment under the federal law ends on March 31, after which people without insurance are subject to federal tax penalties.

Biden says officials didn't want the health care overhaul to start off as shaky as it has—and says it's complicated.

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