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## **Facts Over Fear: NABIP Rebukes Paragon’s Misleading ACA Claims**

Washington, D.C. — The National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals (NABIP), the leading voice for licensed health insurance professionals in all 50 states, is raising serious concerns about the Paragon Health Institute’s recent report, [The Greater Obamacare Enrollment Fraud](#). Despite its title, the report misrepresents the ACA enrollment process, overlooks existing federal safeguards, and spreads misinformation that threatens to erode public confidence in the integrity of ACA programs.

“Paragon’s claims aren’t just off-base—they’re out of step with the facts,” said NABIP CEO Jessica Brooks-Woods. “You can’t claim to protect taxpayers while pushing policies that would raise their costs and rip away their coverage. If Paragon truly wanted to fix the ACA, they’d work with us on targeted improvements. Instead, they’re trying to burn the house down and blame the firefighters.”

Over the past year, licensed brokers helped more than 19 million Americans navigate ACA enrollment, providing critical guidance on eligibility, tax implications, and plan selection. These professionals are not loopholes in the system—they are the backbone of it.

### **Oversight Already Exists—and Is Improving**

One of the report’s most alarming and misleading claims is that 20% of ACA enrollments are fraudulent—implying that over 4 million consumers are gaming the system. That figure simply doesn’t hold up against how the system actually works.

#### **Here’s what the report ignores:**

- **Front-End Verification:** Federal data from the IRS, SSA, and Equifax is used to verify income during application. Any inconsistencies generate a Data Matching Inconsistency (DMI) that must be resolved or subsidies are terminated.
- **Back-End Enforcement:** All subsidies are reconciled through the federal tax system. If a consumer misstates income, the IRS recovers the overpayment.

In other words: income is checked twice. Suggesting widespread fraud ignores the guardrails already in place and undermines the integrity of those managing the system.

### **The Real-World Impact of Bad Policy**

Even more concerning is Paragon’s proposal to eliminate Enhanced Premium Tax Credits—a move that would immediately raise premiums for millions of Americans. This includes self-employed individuals, gig workers, and families without access to employer-sponsored insurance.

These aren’t abstract concerns—they are real, urgent threats to people and communities across the country. If implemented, this proposal would:

- Cause premium spikes for working families and small business owners
- Undermine coverage stability, particularly in underserved markets
- Put essential care out of reach for many who depend on it

### **NABIP Supports Targeted, Data-Driven Reform**



NABIP has a long history of advocating for solutions that strengthen the system without sacrificing accessibility. In a recent [comment letter](#) to the Office of Management and Budget, NABIP recommended eliminating the Special Enrollment Period for those under 150% of the Federal Poverty Level—citing clear patterns of misuse in certain states. That’s what real accountability looks like: targeted, data-backed, and focused on preserving affordability.

NABIP urges lawmakers, regulators, and industry stakeholders to rise above divisive narratives and stand with the licensed professionals who work every day to connect Americans with affordable, quality healthcare. Healthcare reform should be based on facts—not fear. And progress depends on partnership, not partisanship.

To reinforce our commitment, NABIP invites the public and policymakers to review our [Healthcare Bill of Rights](#)—a declaration of the protections and service standards every American deserves in a transparent, functioning healthcare system.

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