## The Romney alternative is . . . ?

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In the wake of the Supreme Court ruling Obamacare constitutional, Republican leaders immediately repeated their vows to "repeal and replace" the law. But replace it with what?

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, the presumptive Republican nominee, has so far remained mum on what major alternatives, if any, he might offer before the election. It goes without saying that pointing with pride to the Bay State's "Romneycare" is not a viable option, since its exchanges, subsidies, mandates and tax penalties served as the model for the federal bill he wants to repeal.

Many Republican strategists say it would be a huge mistake for Romney to define his replacement strategy before the election. "He'd be distracting attention from the much more pressing goal of repealing the law," said Michael Cannon, a health care policy analyst at the libertarian Cato Institute.

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