

Questions for Members of Congress Regarding Health Care Reform Legislation

1. Why aren't members of Congress required to enroll in the same plan that is being forced upon US citizens?
2. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office has reported that the proposed health reform bill being backed by President Obama will actually INCREASE the cost of care by over \$1 trillion. The bill will put government bureaucrats in charge of personal medical decisions, drive-up the budget deficit and destroy jobs through onerous mandates and taxes on small businesses. How can you possibly justify this plan to the American people?
3. Democrats in the House Energy and Commerce Committee just amended the health care bill to mandate the coverage for abortion. Why should taxpayer dollars be used to provide abortions? (See section 1714, Page 769)
4. Are non-citizens covered by the public health plan? Who pays for their coverage and care? (See section 152m pages 50-51). Why did Democrats in the House Energy and Commerce Committee vote AGAINST the Deal Amendment that would have prevented health care benefits being delivered to illegal aliens (see [NumbersUSA story](#)).
5. What's the difference between the government plan and private plans if the federal government will dictate the terms of private insurance policies? (See section 203, page 84)
6. Is there really competition in the insurance market if the federal government dictates how all the plans will operate? (See Section 203, Page 84)
7. Why does the bill prohibit hospitals from expanding? Does this have to do with rationing care? (See Section 1156, pages 317-318)
8. Can you explain the purpose of "end of life counseling" and walk us through how that might work? Under what circumstances can the government order an "end of life plan" for a patient? (See section 1233, pages 425-430. [Listen to Fred Thompson interview](#)).
9. Can you explain the meaning of the phrase, "The tax imposed under this section shall not be treated as a tax," found in Section 441, page 203, lines 14-15?
10. Skyrocketing medical malpractice insurance is one of the primary drivers in rising costs of health care in this country. Why have you failed to include tort reform in the health care bill? Have the trial lawyers unduly influenced this legislation?
11. Increased competition can drive down the cost of health care insurance. Why have you failed to include the ability to purchase insurance across state lines in this bill?
12. Minnesota has over 60 government mandates for health care insurance offered in our state, one of the highest in the nation. Government mandates increase the cost of insurance for all Minnesotans. The proposed federal plan also includes many government mandates. Why not eliminate mandates and allow consumers to decide which health insurance plan is best for them?
13. Many Canadians in need of critical medical treatment elect to come to the United States to receive their care, including Canadian Prime Minister Belinda Stronach who traveled to the United States in 2007 to receive breast cancer treatment. Richard Baker, a Canadian businessman who assists Canadians to get medical treatment in the United States recently testified before the House Health Care Solutions Committee stating, "The Canada Health Act, which governs the deliver of health care in Canada, has caused more pain, more suffering and more death than any other piece of domestic legislation in the history of Canada." Why we would want to implement a similar plan here in the United States?
14. Other government-managed social programs such as Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare are essentially bankrupt. Why should the American people entrust the government with managing their health care plan?
15. Can you cite one example in which government provides a product or service at a lower cost and higher quality than in private industry?