



Americans Oppose a Government Takeover of Health Care

A recent CNN Poll found 73% of Americans want Congress to start from scratch on health care reform or drop it completely.

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Stop ObamaCare NOW!

President Obama and leaders in Congress are ramming through legislation that will result in a government takeover of our health care system, despite overwhelming opposition by the American people. The very existence of the current Senate health care bill is owed to an end-run around the Constitution, which requires any bill raising taxes to originate in the House. HR3590 originated in the House, but had nothing to do with health care reform. It's was a bill to aid home-ownership for military personnel. Senator Reid offered a "delete all" amendment to the bill, inserting the 2,500-page text of his health care plan. Needless to say, this was not the bill the House passed. Now the House is faced with the prospect of passing a tax-raising bill that actually originated in the Senate, while throwing their own passed health care bill (HR3200) overboard, to avoid a filibuster in the Senate.

CURRENT LEGISLATION OFFERS THE WRONG PRESCRIPTION FOR AMERICA

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (HR3590) is the Senate's bill , which will (amongst other things):

- Cost \$2.5 trillion over 10 years
- Increase the price of the average health insurance policy by \$2000
- Raise taxes, including new payroll taxes, new tax on investments, a new tax on "Cadillac" health benefits, new taxes on medical devices and prescription drugs and new taxes on all health insurance policies
- Steals \$500 million from Medicare to create a new entitlement program
- Likely force you to change your current plan to a government-approved plan
- Force young people to purchase insurance costing \$8500 per person
- Provide taxpayer funding for abortions
- Lead to price controls, triggering reimbursement and service cuts
- Result in rationed care
- Impose restrictions on how doctors practice medicine
- Create marginal tax rates of up to 60% for workers earning as little as \$25,000 per year (NCPA)
- Directly contribute to a new wave of unemployment and labor disruption

REAL REFORM MUST BE BASED UPON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES

- **Patient choice:** ability to choose your own plan, doctors and facilities.
- **Free markets:** increasing competition to offer more choices at a lower cost.
- **Doctors and patients** should decide on medical treatments, not the government.
- **Individual responsibility:** those who make unhealthy lifestyle decisions should pay more.
- **Fiscal responsibility:** any reform must reduce costs, not increase them.
- **Reduce government interference:** a major contributor to today's runaway health care costs.
- **Access by all citizens:** the poor should have access to subsidized insurance.

COMMON SENSE HEALTH CARE REFORMS FOR AMERICA

- **Expand competition** by repealing laws preventing insurers from offering plans across state lines.
- **Equalize tax laws** so that individual policies get the same tax breaks as employer-provided policies.
- **Repeal government mandates** that dictate what insurance companies must cover.
- **Enact tort reform** to end frivolous lawsuits that force doctors to pay astronomical insurance rates and prescribe unnecessary tests and treatments to avoid lawsuits.
- **Expand Health Savings Accounts** coupled with high-deductible insurance to increase transparency and create true competition by putting the consumer in-charge of spending their own health care dollars.
- **Make costs transparent** so consumers understand the true costs of their health care.
- **Reform Medicare** end the cost-shifting and undo the broken ponzi-scheme that funds it.
- **Offer subsidized private coverage** to the poor instead of massive government-directed bureaucracies.
- **Require proof of citizenship** for all individuals receiving taxpayer-subsidized coverage.
- **Require members of Congress to adopt the same plan** that they impose on the American people.

TAKE ACTION

Visit MinnesotaMajority.org and click on the **CODE RED** button to contact your elected officials and urge them to support common sense health care reforms instead of a government takeover of our health care system.

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