



“Whether or not you have health insurance right now, the reforms we seek will bring stability and security that you don’t have today. This isn’t about politics. This is about people’s lives. This is about people’s businesses. This is about our future.”
- PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

As the passing of health insurance reform draws near, the defenders of the status quo in Washington are growing fierce in their opposition and using misleading information to defeat the chance of real reform. Health insurance reform will protect people against unfair insurance practices; provide quality, affordable insurance to every American; and bring down rising costs for families and businesses — this shouldn’t be about Washington politics. It’s about American lives, businesses and our future.

It’s never been more important to dispel these outlandish rumors and myths. Learn the facts and share them with your friends, family and neighbors.

REALITY CHECK:

You Can Keep Your Own Insurance

Reform isn’t about putting government in charge of your health insurance; it’s about putting you in charge of your health insurance. If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor. If you like your health care plan, you can keep your health care plan.

Reform Will Stop “Rationing” — Not Increase It

Reform will not lead to a “government takeover” of health care or “rationing.” On the contrary, reform will forbid many forms of rationing that are currently being used by insurance companies.

Reform Will Benefit Small Business — Not Burden It

Health insurance reform will ease the burdens on small businesses and help level the playing field with big firms who pay much less to cover their employees on average.

The “Euthanasia” Distortion on Help for Families

It’s a malicious myth that reform would encourage or even require euthanasia for seniors. On the contrary, reform empowers families and provides the option to get resources and accurate information.

Your Medicare is Safe, and Stronger with Reform

Reform would simply eliminate waste and unnecessary subsidies to insurance companies, not cut Medicare benefits.

Reform Won’t Add to the Deficit — it Will Bring Down Long Term Costs

President Obama has demanded that health insurance reform not add to the deficit, and has identified hundreds of billions of dollars in savings by eliminating unnecessary subsidies to insurance companies through Medicare. Skyrocketing health care costs pose the biggest threat to our fiscal stability in the long term under the status quo, and reform is imperative to bring down those costs.

Health Insurance Consumer Protections

The security YOU GET from health insurance reform:

- No Discrimination for Pre-Existing Conditions
- No Exorbitant Out-of-Pocket Expenses, Deductibles or Co-Pays
- No Cost-Sharing for Preventive Care
- No Dropping of Coverage for Seriously Ill
- No Gender Discrimination
- No Annual or Lifetime Caps on Coverage
- Extended Coverage for Young Adults
- Guaranteed Insurance Renewal

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