

Healthcare Talking Points

What Republicans Want:

- Republicans want to reform America's health care system to control costs, preserve quality, and keep families and their doctors in charge of health care decisions.
- Republicans want to reform America's health care system so families can access affordable treatment they need when they need it, and those who like their current health care coverage can keep it.
- Republicans want to make health care affordable and accessible for Americans regardless of pre-existing conditions.
- Republicans want to let small businesses join together to purchase quality health care benefits for their workers at a more affordable price, just as unions are allowed to do.
- Republicans want to end lawsuit abuse that drives up costs throughout our health care system.

What Obama/Democrats Plan Does:

- President Obama wants to impose a costly government-run health care system on Americans that puts federal bureaucrats and politicians in charge of health care decisions, not families and their doctors.
- The Democrats health care plan won't help provide affordable coverage to Americans who don't have it.
- According to the CBO the Senate Democrats' health care plan would cost at least \$1 trillion and still leave 36 million Americans without health insurance.
- To pay for their government-run health care scheme President Obama and Congressional Democrats want to raise taxes on families for everything from soda and salty foods to a new income surtax on small business to pay for their plan.
- President Obama and Congressional Democrats have also stated that they are open to taxing health care benefits Americans receive
- The Democrats plan won't allow Americans to keep their doctors and health insurance if they want. According to the non-partisan Lewin Group, 2 out of 3 Americans would lose their health coverage under the Democrat plan. The Democrats plan would drive approximately 119 million Americans from their private plan to the government plan.

Talking Points:

- President Obama and Democrats are conducting a grand experiment with our economy, our country, and now our health care.
- President Obama's massive spending experiments have created more debt than at any other time in our nation's history.
- The President experimented with a \$780 billion dollar budget-busting stimulus plan and unemployment is still rising. The President experimented with banks and auto companies, and now we're on the hook for tens of billions of dollars with no exit plan.
- Now the President is proposing more debt and more risk through a trillion dollar experiment with our health care.
- Democrats are proposing a government controlled health insurance system, which will control care, treatments, medicines and even what doctors a patient may see.
- This health care experiment will have consequences for generations, but President Obama and Democrats want to ram this legislation through Congress in two months.
- President Obama's health care experiment is too much, too fast, too soon. Our country cannot afford to fix health care through a rushed experiment.
- Americans want health care reform that addresses, not increases, cost or debt.
- Government takeover is the wrong way to go – health care decisions should remain between the doctor and the patient.

Other Points to keep in mind:

- The decline in quality of care that will come from a government controlled insurance option.
- Government deciding what treatments we can have, and who can have them.
- Tax hikes to pay for President Obama's risky and expensive plan.
- Cutting Medicare to pay for President Obama's risky and expensive plan.
- More debt and more spending that will prolong the recession.
- Rushing another flawed bill that will cost trillions and hurt existing health care.
- Punishing small businesses in this time of unprecedented unemployment.
- The "public plan" – gateway to a government takeover of health care.