



Barack Obama: Health Care for All

Barack Obama has a plan to provide universal health care that would lower costs, improve care, and ensure that no one could be denied care because of a pre-existing condition or illness.

Time for Universal Care. Obama says, "The time has come for universal, affordable health care in America....If you already have health insurance, the only thing that will change for you under this plan is that the amount of money you will spend on premiums will be less....If you are one of 45 million Americans who don't have health insurance, you will after this plan becomes law." (*Newsday*, 5/29/07; Barack Obama speech in Iowa City, Iowa, 5/29/07)

Obama's Plan: 'Congress Care' for Everyone. Obama proposes a national health plan similar to the one members of Congress have. Key features would be guaranteed eligibility; affordable premiums, co-pays and deductibles; and quality-care standards. (Obama for America Web site)

Obama Voted Against Cutting Medicaid Funding. Obama voted against a \$14 billion, five-year funding cut for Medicaid, which provides health care mainly for low-income children. (S.Amdt. 204 to S.C.R. 18, Vote 58, 3/17/05)

Obama Supported Reauthorizing SCHIP And Providing Insurance for Millions of Uninsured Children. Obama supported reauthorizing the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for five years, providing an additional \$35.2 billion for the program. Earlier, he voted for \$50 billion to expand SCHIP. (H.R. 976, Vote 307, 8/2/07; S.C.R. 21, Vote 172, 5/17/07)

Obama Voted to Allow Importation of Affordable Prescription Drugs. Obama voted to allow senior citizens to import less expensive prescription drugs from other countries, specifically Canada. (S.Amdt. 990 to S. 1082, Vote 150, 5/3/07)

Obama Opposed Steep Increases In Seniors' Medicare Premiums. (S. 1932, Vote 287, 11/3/05)

Obama Voted to Allow Medicare to Negotiate Lower Drug Prices for Senior Citizens. (S. 3, Vote 132, 4/18/07)

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