

## MORE FACTS ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL

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This is the second in a series of articles to explore the facts regarding health care reform. Nothing contained in this or the other articles on this subject is speculation, but rather hard, proven fact with much of the information coming directly from the bill itself.

Due to actions within various committees in the U.S. House of Representatives, the current government health care bill (HB 3200) has now grown to over 1100 pages.

While Americans who are legitimately concerned about the contents of this bill ask pointed questions of their representatives, the arrogant elitists in Washington are accusing them of being a mob, Nazis and engaging in "hate" speech.

The president, in an effort to speed passage of this bill without proper scrutiny by either the congress or the public, has stated that 14,000 people per day are losing their health care. This is true enough. But the loss of health care by so many people is not due to its cost or availability. It is due to the President's failed "stimulus" package that has spent billions of OUR dollars and still hasn't stemmed the economic bleeding and layoffs nationwide. This "stimulus" that had to be passed before anyone could read the bill was touted to cap unemployment at 8%, yet we are now swiftly approaching 10% with no relief in sight!

The President has also cited the "high costs of health care" and how this plan will reduce costs and make

health care affordable for everyone. He neglects to mention that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report states that this plan will raise the federal deficit by \$1 trillion to \$1.5 trillion over the next ten years. Of course we can believe the CBO. It is the organization that projected the cost of Medicaid, which has exceeded its predictions by eight fold!

Following are some more of the contents of House Bill 3200. Most of it, except comments in parentheses, is language directly from the bill:

Pg. 503: The government will build registries and data networks from YOUR electronic medical records. "The Center may secure directly from any department or agency of the United States information necessary to enable it to carry out this section." The government may secure data directly from any department or agency of the US, including your data. The "Center" will collect data both "published and unpublished" (that means public & your private information); Pg. 506: An "Appointed Clinical Perspective Advisory Panel" will advise The Center and recommend policies that would allow for public access of data; Pg. 621: The government will define "NEW Quality" measures in health care. (Since when does government know about quality?); Pg. 623: "Quality" measures shall be designed to profile you, including race, age, gender, place of residence, etc.; Pg. 628: The government will give "Multi-Stake Holders" (Public employee unions, ACORN, etc.) pre-rulemaking input into selection

of "quality" measures; Pg. 630-631: Those Multi-Stake Holder groups include unions and groups (like ACORN) deciding what constitutes quality; Pg. 632: The government may implement any "Quality measure" of health care services that bureaucrats see fit; Pg. 710: The Secretary has broad powers to deny health care providers and suppliers admittance into the Health Care Exchange (The Government Option). Your doctor could be thrown out of business; Pg. 718-719: ANY Doctor who orders durable medical equipment or home medical services is REQUIRED to be enrolled in, or eligible for, Medicare; Pg. 734: Proposes, for law enforcement sake, that the Secretary of Health and Human Services will give Attorney General access to ALL medical data (this includes your financial information, your medical information and all information obtained from your census forms); Pg. 768: Government-determined Nurse Home Visitation Services. The government will require preventative services - including vaccinations (no choice). Nurse Home Visit Services - Service #1: "Improving maternal or child health and pregnancy outcomes or increasing birth intervals between pregnancies." (Compulsory ABORTIONS?). Nurse Home Visit Services include determinations of economic self-sufficiency, employment advancement and school-readiness. (According to whose criteria?) (These Nurse Home Service personnel will, of course, be unionized government employees); Pg. 769: Federal government will mandate eligibility for State Family Planning Services. (Abortion and government control intertwined.);

Pg. 788-798: Government will set and mandate drug prices, therefore controlling which drugs are brought to market. (Goodbye innovation and private research.); Pg. 800: The government will decide which Health Care conditions will be paid. (RATIONING); Pg. 809: Billing Agents, clearinghouses, or other alternate payees are required to register. (The government will take over private billing and payment systems too.); Pg. 819-823: The Government will identify individuals "likely to be ineligible" for subsidies. Will access all personal financial information; Pg. 828-832: Government will impose a fee on ALL private health insurance plans, including self-insured, to pay for a new Trust Fund! (More taxes!); Pg. 835: Fees imposed by government for the Trust Fund shall be treated as if they were taxes; Pg. 837-839: The government will design and implement a Home Visitation Program for families with young kids and families that are expecting children; Pg. 843-844 - This Home Visitation Program includes the government coming into your house and teaching/telling you how to parent!; Pg. 897: The Public Health Workforce Corps shall consist of civilian unionized employees of the United States as Secretary deems necessary (ACORN and similar groups); Pg. 899: The Public Health Workforce Corps will include veterinarians. (Will we have to pay for animal health care too?); Pg. 912-913: Government starts a health care affirmative action program under the guise of diversity scholarships; Pg. 915: Government MANDATES cultural and linguistic competency training for health care professionals; Pg. 934-935: Government will identify specific goals and objectives for pre-

vention and wellness activities. The government will develop "Healthy People & National Public Health Performance Standards." (They will tell us how to live and what to eat.); Pg. 942: "Task Force on Community Preventive Services." Under the Offices of Surgeon General, Public Health Services, Minority Health and Women's Health. (More bureaucracy that we will pay for.); Pg. 1000: The government will establish a National Medical Device Registry. (Will you be tracked for having a wheelchair, pace maker or other medical device?).

Did you notice that most of the provisions of this plan begin with "the government?" Another consideration is that many of these provisions contain the words "as determined by the Secretary" (Secretary of Health and Human Services).

In an effort to curb questions and criticism of this bill, the White House has set up an e-mail address to which you can report e-mails, web sites and individuals who provide information on health care that may not agree with the President's views. Can anyone say, "Infringement on the freedom of speech?"

Congressman Peter DeFazio will conduct a town hall meeting on Thursday, August 13 at 5:15 PM at the North Bend City Hall. Those with questions concerning HB 3200 should attend and ask the congressman if he has read the bill. Perhaps we, the people, should demand that any "health care reform" be binding upon our elected representatives as well as ourselves. If they have to live under the same programs they expect us to live with, they may be more considerate of our concerns.

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