

Reading Guide—Pelosi Health “Reform” Bill*October 29, 2009*

In order to assist Members, staff, and interested parties seeking to read and review the health “reform” legislation (H.R. 3962) introduced by House Democrats, the Republican Conference has compiled a list of important page numbers and provisions in the 1,990-page [“Affordable Health Care for America Act.”](#)

- Page 94**—Section 202(c) prohibits the sale of private individual health insurance policies, beginning in 2013, forcing individuals to purchase coverage through the federal government
- Page 110**—Section 222(e) requires the use of federal dollars to fund abortions through the government-run health plan—and, if the Hyde Amendment were ever not renewed, would **require** the plan to fund elective abortions
- Page 111**—Section 223 establishes a new board of federal bureaucrats (the “Health Benefits Advisory Committee”) to dictate the health plans that all individuals must purchase—and would likely require all Americans to subsidize and purchase plans that cover any abortion
- Page 211**—Section 321 establishes a new government-run health plan that, according to non-partisan actuaries at the [Lewin Group](#), would cause as many as 114 million Americans to lose their existing coverage
- Page 225**—Section 330 permits—but **does not require**—Members of Congress to enroll in government-run health care
- Page 255**—Section 345 includes language requiring verification of income for individuals wishing to receive federal health care subsidies under the bill—while the bill includes a requirement for applicants to verify their citizenship, it does not include a similar requirement to verify applicants’ identity, thus encouraging identity fraud for undocumented immigrants and others wishing to receive taxpayer-subsidized health benefits
- Page 297**—Section 501 imposes a 2.5 percent tax on all individuals who do not purchase “bureaucrat-approved” health insurance—the tax would apply on individuals with incomes under \$250,000, thus breaking a central [promise](#) of then-Senator Obama’s presidential campaign
- Page 313**—Section 512 imposes an 8 percent “tax on jobs” for firms that cannot afford to purchase “bureaucrat-approved” health coverage; according to an [analysis](#) by Harvard Professor Kate Baicker, such a tax would place millions “at substantial risk of unemployment”—with minority workers losing their jobs at twice the rate of their white counterparts
- Page 336**—Section 551 imposes additional job-killing taxes, in the form of a half-trillion dollar “surcharge,” more than half of which will hit small businesses; according to a model developed by President Obama’s senior economic advisor, such taxes could cost up to 5.5 million jobs
- Page 520**—Section 1161 cuts more than \$150 billion from Medicare Advantage plans, potentially jeopardizing millions of seniors’ existing coverage
- Page 733**—Section 1401 establishes a new Center for Comparative Effectiveness Research; the bill includes no provisions preventing the government-run health plan from using such research to deny access to life-saving treatments on cost grounds, similar to Britain’s National Health Service, which denies patient treatments costing more than £35,000
- Page 1174**—Section 1802(b) includes provisions entitled “**TAXES ON CERTAIN INSURANCE POLICIES**” to fund comparative effectiveness research, breaking Speaker Pelosi’s promise that “[We will not be taxing \[health\] benefits in any bill that passes the House,](#)” and the President’s promise not to raise taxes on families with incomes under \$250,000

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