

GOP LEADER ALERT

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SIDE-BY-SIDE: GOP PLAN DELIVERS HEALTH CARE REFORM AMERICANS WANT

	Speaker Pelosi's Gov't Takeover of Health Care <i>2,032 pages, \$1.3 trillion (and counting)</i>	GOP's Common-Sense Health Care Plan <i>219 pages, \$61 billion</i>
Does It Lower Premiums?	NO. Individuals and families would pay higher premiums under the government-run health care plan created by Speaker Pelosi's bill, according to estimates by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO.)	YES. Families' premiums under the GOP plan would be nearly \$5,000 lower than under Speaker Pelosi's bill, according to CBO estimates.
Does It Protect Jobs?	NO. Speaker Pelosi's bill requires employers to either provide "government-approved" coverage or pay a steep tax. According to a methodology developed by White House economists, these mandates – coupled with tax increases in the bill – would destroy as many as 5.5 million American jobs over the next decade.	YES. The GOP plan protects jobs by lowering premiums for small business owners and their employees by as much as 10% , according to CBO.
Is It Fiscally Responsible?	NO. Speaker Pelosi's \$1.3 trillion (and counting) bill fails to account for a number of hidden costs, including a \$210 billion Medicare "doc fix." CBO estimates Speaker Pelosi's bill will increase federal spending on health care by \$598 billion over ten years, as well as increase federal spending on health care in the following decade.	YES. The GOP plan would cut the deficit by \$68 billion over the next 10 years, according to CBO estimates. The GOP plan is the only one that consistently reduces federal spending on health care over the next two decades.
Does It Protect Families and Small Businesses From Massive Tax Hikes?	NO. Speaker Pelosi's bill imposes \$752.6 billion in tax increases on working families, large employers, and small business owners.	YES. The GOP plan protects family budgets.
Does It Protect Medicare?	NO. CBO estimates Speaker Pelosi's bill would cut Medicare by more than \$500 billion over the next 10 years.	YES. The GOP plan protects Medicare.
Does It Provide Sustainable Coverage for Pre-Existing Conditions?	NO. Speaker Pelosi's bill imposes an unworkable, one-size-fits-all fix through Washington mandates that will inevitably raise the cost of insurance.	YES. The GOP plan establishes Universal Access Programs to help guarantee access to affordable coverage, including for individuals with pre-existing conditions.
Does It Prevent Taxpayer-Funded Coverage of Illegal Immigrants?	NO. Speaker Pelosi's bill would actually cover 2.5 million MORE illegal immigrants than House Democrats' original proposal, according to CBO estimates.	YES. The GOP plan explicitly prevents illegal immigrants from receiving taxpayer subsidies.
Does It Prevent Taxpayer-Funded Abortions?	NO. The government-run health care plan is authorized to cover elective abortions under Speaker Pelosi's plan by way of a " monthly abortion premium. "	YES. The GOP plan codifies the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits the use of federal funds to pay for elective abortions.
Does It Protect The Doctor-Patient Relationship and Prevent Rationed Care?	NO. Speaker Pelosi's bill creates 118 offices, bureaus, commissions, programs, and bureaucracies charged with such obligations as "establishing waiting lists" and determining "categories of covered treatments."	YES. The GOP plan strengthens the doctor-patient relationship and prevents rationed care by making care more affordable and accessible.
Does It Tackle Junk Lawsuits?	NO. Speaker Pelosi's bill fails to meaningfully address the need to put an end to junk lawsuits that contribute to higher health care costs.	YES. The GOP plan implements reforms that will protect doctors from a feeding frenzy of trial lawyers.
Does It Protect State Budgets?	NO. Speaker Pelosi's plan includes an expansion of Medicaid that will cost cash-strapped states \$34 billion over the next ten years.	YES. The GOP plan rewards states for implementing innovative solutions to make health care more accessible and affordable.

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