



HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM FOUR KEY POINTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CBO SCORE

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) today released a preliminary score for the health insurance reform legislation. Based on a preliminary analysis from CBO, the legislation:

1. CUTS THE DEFICIT

Cuts the deficit by \$138 billion in the first ten years (2010 – 2019).

Cuts the deficit by \$1.2 trillion in the second ten years.

2. REINS IN WASTEFUL MEDICARE COSTS AND EXTENDS THE SOLVENCY OF MEDICARE; CLOSES THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DONUT HOLE

Reduces annual growth in Medicare expenditures by 1.4 percentage points per year—while improving benefits and lowering costs for seniors.

Extends Medicare’s solvency by at least 9 years.

3. EXPANDS AND IMPROVES HEALTH COVERAGE FOR MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES

Expands health insurance coverage to 32 million Americans

Helps guarantee that 95 percent of Americans will be covered.

4. IS FULLY PAID FOR

Is fully paid for – costs \$940 billion over a decade. (Americans spend nearly \$2.5 trillion each year on health care now and nearly two-thirds of the bill is paid for by reducing health care costs).