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BARACK OBAMA: Health Care for All

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

Time for Affordable Health Care. Obama says, "My plan begins by covering every American. 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 Plans to Cover the Uninsured. Obama proposes to make a public health plan available nationwide for the uninsured, self-employed and small businesses, giving them access to benefits similar to those available to members of Congress. Key features would be guaranteed eligibility; affordable premiums, co-pays and deductibles; and quality care standards. (Obama for America)

Obama Supported Reauthorizing SCHIP and Providing Insurance for Millions of Uninsured Children. Obama voted to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for five years, providing an additional \$35.2 billion for the program. He also voted for the budget resolution that

would have authorized \$50 billion to expand the program as well as \$9.5 billion for increases in programs such as No Child Left Behind, Pell Grants, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and essential funding for veterans health care. (H.R. 976, Vote 307, 8/2/07; S.Con.Res. 21, Vote 172, 5/17/07)

Obama Voted to Allow Importation of Affordable Prescriptions 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 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 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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