



Since Health Care Reform Was Signed Into Law...

It's NOT Working to Help Families, Seniors & Small Businesses

Today is the three month anniversary of the President signing the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* into law. Since its passage, Americans have continually spoken out and voiced concerns regarding tax increases, individual mandates, and the law's impact on themselves, their businesses and their families. This top-down, government-knows-best approach of redefining health care does not address the real problems and does not create real solutions.

Immediate Problems of Health Reform

NOT a help for all Americans:

Americans are still speaking out about their opposition to this law. Recent polls show 55% of Americans favor repeal of the law, while 52% believe this law is bad for the country (*Source: Rasmussen*).

NOT a help for seniors:

This law did not solve the most fundamental problem for seniors: the Medicare physician payment formula. Without a permanent fix, seniors are being dropped by their current doctors and finding it increasingly difficult to find physicians accepting new Medicare patients. Today Medicare doctors are receiving payment that is 21% less than they received last month. Health care reform did nothing to address this growing crisis for America's seniors.

NOT a help for businesses:

Newly imposed taxes and the employer mandate will drive businesses to cut employee hours, restrict the number of full time employees, and drop employee health coverage all together. Large corporations have reported they will save more money by ending their employer-sponsored health insurance coverage and paying the IRS-imposed penalty. And a recent report from the Obama administration details new regulations for compliance – including the grandfather clause – which could result in 87 million Americans forced off their current health insurance.

NOT a help for small businesses:

The Congressional Budget Office estimates only 12% of small businesses will be eligible for the tax credit provided by the law. In addition, corporate reporting provisions will require businesses to complete a 1099 form for all business-to-business transactions over \$600. The National Federation of Independent Business estimates this will cost small businesses an additional \$74 an hour to comply.

NOT a help for American families and young Americans:

The health care law does not allow families the ability to purchase more affordable plans. In fact, the CBO predicts the cost of health care insurance will rise by \$2,100 per American family in 2016. Children up to the age of 26 are not guaranteed coverage under the new law, because employers who did not previously offer

insurance to dependants of an employee are not required to. Married couples are also penalized, because their combined income is what is considered when determining the eligibility for tax credits.

Much like the last, the next three months will offer more problems and fewer solutions for the American people. This government-centered health care takeover will increase the deficit, discourage employers from hiring, raise taxes, and offer no permanent help for seniors. This is not the reform the American people asked for, and definitely not the reform the American people need.