

HOUSE DEMOCRATS & PRESIDENT OBAMA DEMONSTRATE COMMITMENT TO HEALTH CARE REFORM

Reforming America's health care system has been a long-standing priority for the Democratic Party. Since January 2007, Congressional Democrats have been laying the groundwork for this year's reform debate, and House Committees and the Obama Administration have held nearly 100 bipartisan hearings, public forums, and other outreach sessions to explore this complex issue. The release of the House Committees' Discussion Draft will trigger an additional round of hearings, and these events—along with the leadership of President Obama, the feedback of our constituents, and the input of a diverse group of stakeholders – will result in the development of legislation that contains rising costs and provides peace of mind to all Americans that they can access quality, affordable health care, while preserving patient choice of plan and doctors.

Efforts by the House of Representatives

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Hearing</u>
2/6/07	Energy & Commerce	A Review of the Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2008 Budget
2/13/07	Small Business	Alternatives for Easing the Small Business Health Care Burden
3/1/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on MedPAC's Annual March Report with MedPAC Chairman Glenn M. Hackbarth
3/6/07	Energy & Commerce	Exploring Options for Improving the Medicare Physician Payment System
3/6/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on MedPAC's Report on the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR)
3/8/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on Medicare Program Integrity
3/14/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on Genetic Non-Discrimination
3/15/07	Education & Labor	Examining Innovative Approaches to Covering the Uninsured Through Employer-Provided Health Benefits
3/21/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on Medicare Advantage
3/27/07	Energy & Commerce	Insuring Bright Futures: Improving Access to Dental Care and Providing a Healthy Start for Children
3/27/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Parity
4/18/07	Energy & Commerce	Medicare Program Efficiency and Integrity
4/25/07	Energy & Commerce	Living without Health Insurance: Why Every American Needs Coverage
4/25/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on the 2007 Medicare Trustees Report
5/2/07	Energy & Commerce	Assessing the Impact of a Safe and Equitable Biosimilar Policy in the United States
5/3/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on Medicare Programs for Low-Income Beneficiaries
5/10/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on Options to Improve Quality and Efficiency Among Medicare Physicians

5/15/07	Energy & Commerce	Keeping Medicare's Promise for Seniors and People with Disabilities
5/15/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on Payments to Certain Medicare Fee-for-Service Providers
5/22/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on Medicare Advantage Private Fee-For-Service Plans
5/22/07	Education & Labor	Health Care Reform: Recommendations to Improve Coordination of Federal and State Initiatives
6/12/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on Strategies to Increase Information on Comparative Clinical Effectiveness
6/21/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on Beneficiary Protections in Medicare Part D
6/28/07	Budget	Medicare Advantage and the Federal Budget
10/16/07	Ways & Means	Joint Hearing on Statutorily Required Audits of Medicare Advantage Plan Bids
10/18/07	Budget	The Tax Code and Health Insurance Coverage
11/15/07	Ways & Means	Hearing on Trends in Nursing Home Ownership and Quality
1/10/08	Small Business	Affordable Health Care: A Big Problem for Small Businesses
1/16/08	Energy & Commerce	Helping Families with Needed Care: Medicaid's Critical Role for Americans with Disabilities
1/29/08	Energy & Commerce	Covering Uninsured Kids: Missed Opportunities for Moving Forward
2/14/08	Ways & Means	Hearing on the Medicare Portions of the President's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget
2/26/08	Energy & Commerce	Covering Uninsured Kids: Reversing Progress Already Made
2/27/08	Budget	Department Of Health And Human Services Fiscal Year 2009 Budget
2/28/08	Energy & Commerce	A Review of the Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2009 Budget
2/28/08	Ways & Means	Hearing on Medicare Advantage
3/11/08	Ways & Means	Hearing on MedPAC's Annual March Report with MedPAC Chairman Glenn M. Hackbarth
4/1/08	Ways & Means	Hearing on the 2008 Medicare Trustees Report
4/15/08	Ways & Means	Hearing on the Instability of Health Coverage in America
5/14/08	Ways & Means	Hearing on Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) and Consumer Driven Health Care
6/10/08	Ways & Means	Addressing Disparities in Health and Healthcare: Issues for Reform
7/15/08	Ways & Means	Hearing on State Coverage Initiatives
7/16/08	Budget	Getting Better Value in Health Care
7/22/08	Energy & Commerce	State Fiscal Relief: Protecting Health Coverage in an Economic Downturn
7/24/08	Ways & Means	Hearing on Promoting the Adoption and Use of Health Information Technology
9/11/08	Ways & Means	Hearing on Reforming Medicare's Physician Payment System
9/18/08	Energy & Commerce	America's Need for Health Reform
9/23/08	Ways & Means	Hearing on The Health of the Private Health Insurance Market

9/25/08	Education & Labor	Full Committee: "Safeguarding Retiree Health Benefits"
11/13/08	Energy & Commerce	Treatments for an Ailing Economy: Protecting Health Care Coverage and Investing in Biomedical Research
2/4/09	Small Business	Health Care Reform in a Struggling Economy: What's on the Horizon for Small Business?
3/10/09	Energy & Commerce	Making Health Care Work For American Families: Designing A High Performing Healthcare System
3/10/09	Education & Labor	Strengthening Employer-Based Health Care
3/11/09	Ways & Means	Health Care Reform in the 21st Century: Expanding Coverage, Improving Quality and Controlling Costs
3/17/09	Energy & Commerce	Making Health Care Work For American Families: Ensuring Affordable Coverage
3/17/09	Ways & Means	Hearing on MedPAC's Annual March Report to the Congress on Medicare Payment Policy
3/24/09	Energy & Commerce	Making Health Care Work For American Families: Improving Access To Care
4/1/09	Ways & Means	Health Care Reform in the 21st Century: Reforming the Health Care Delivery System
4/22/09	Ways & Means	Health Care Reform in the 21st Century: Insurance Market Reforms
4/23/09	Education & Labor	Ways to Reduce the Cost of Health Insurance for Employers, Employees and their Families
4/29/09	Ways & Means	Health Care Reform in the 21st Century: Employer Sponsored Insurance
5/6/09	Ways & Means	Health Care Reform in the 21st Century: A Conversation with HHS Secretary Sebelius
6/3/09	Small Business	Common Ground: Finding Consensus on Health Reform, the Small Business Perspective
6/10/09	Education & Labor	Examining the Single Payer Health Care Option
6/11/09	Energy & Commerce	Emerging Health Care Issues: Follow-on Biologic Drug Competition
6/19/09	Budget	The Economic Case for Health Reform
6/23/09	Energy & Commerce	Hearing on Forthcoming Draft Proposal of Health Care Reform
6/23/09	Education & Labor	Hearing on "The House Tri-Committee Draft Proposal for Health Care Reform"
6/24/09	Energy & Commerce	Hearing on Forthcoming Draft Proposal of Health Care Reform
6/24/09	Ways & Means	Hearing on Health Reform in the 21st Century: Proposals to Reform the Health System
6/25/09	Energy & Commerce	Hearing on Forthcoming Draft Proposal of Health Care Reform

Efforts by the Obama Administration

<u>Date</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>Activity</u>
12/1-31/08	White House	White House Health Care Community Discussions Begin (Over 9,000 Events)
2/24/09	White House	President Obama Addresses Joint Session of Congress & Speaks on Health Reform
3/5/09	White House	White House Forum on Health Reform
3/12/09	White House	Regional Health Care Forum: Detroit, Michigan

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3/17/09	White House	Regional Health Care Forum: Burlington, Vermont
3/23/09	White House	Regional Health Care Forum: Des Moines, Iowa
3/31/09	White House	Regional Health Care Forum: Greensboro, North Carolina
4/6/09	White House	Regional Health Care Forum: Los Angeles, California
4/8/09	White House	White House Office of Health Reform Established
4/8/09	White House	Health Care Stakeholder Discussion with Insurers, Health Professionals, & Business People
4/24/09	White House	Health Care Stakeholder Discussion with Small Business Owners & Representatives
5/5/09	HHS	Secretary Sebelius Addresses Council on Foundations regarding Health Reform
5/6/09	HHS	Secretary Sebelius Speaks to AFSCME National Nurses Conference on Health Reform
5/11/09	White House	President Obama Meets with 17 Health Care Stakeholders
5/11/09	HHS	HHS Office of Health Reform Established
5/12/09	White House	President Obama Meets with Employers and Others on Reducing Health Care Spending
5/13/09	White House	Health Care Reform: "Urgency and Determination"
5/16/09	White House	Weekly Address: Two Pillars of a New Foundation for Health Reform
5/18/09	White House	Secretary Sebelius Roundtable Discussion on Health Reform: Washington, DC
5/22/09	White House	Remarks by the President on Reforming the Health Care System to Reduce Costs
5/27/09	White House	Health Care Stakeholder Discussion with Physician Leaders
6/2/09	White House	Council of Economic Advisors Report on Economic Motivations for Health Reform
6/5/09	White House	Women's Health Care Stakeholder Discussion
6/6/09	White House	Health Care Stakeholder Discussion on Health Disparities
6/6/09	White House	Weekly Address: President Obama Outlines Goals for Health Care Reform
6/11/09	White House	Health Care Reform Town Hall: Green Bay, Wisconsin
6/12/09	HHS	Secretary Sebelius Roundtable Discussion on Health Reform: Omaha, NE
6/15/09	White House	President Obama: Remarks on Health Reform to the American Medical Association
6/18/09	White House	Health Care Stakeholder Discussion with Physicians