



Republican Health Care Solutions

- **Medical Liability Reform:** Pass a statute of limitations on the time a patient has to file a lawsuit and cap noneconomic damages.
- **Credit Uncompensated Care:** Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow physicians to receive tax credits or deductions for uncompensated care, regardless of their accounting method.
- **Eliminate the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR):** Establish a new baseline formula for Medicare reimbursement that accurately reflects the costs of services and treatments.
- **Tax Deductions for Individuals Purchasing Their Own Health Insurance:** Encourage private ownership of health insurance by affording individuals the same tax deductions businesses and unions receive to purchase health insurance.
- **Health Savings Accounts (HSAs):** Broaden allowable use and simplify rules.
- **Health Insurance Portability:** Allow people to take their health insurance policies with them from job to job.
- **Increased Competition:** Reduce health care costs across the board by allowing individuals to purchase health insurance across state lines.
- **High Risk Pooling Mechanisms:** Provide individuals with preexisting conditions with an option to buy into the general insurance pool and create separate, state-run pools that receive Federal aid.
- **Association Health Plans:** Amend the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and allow the formation of group insurance plans sponsored by groups like professional and small business associations with the ability to sell those group plans across state lines.
- **Promote Transparency in Medical Costs:** Make the cost of health care services readily available to patients/consumers prior to the time of service.
- **Promote Prevention and Wellness:** Provide credits and grants to companies and organizations running a prevention and wellness plan with emphasis on issues like nutrition, tobacco use, substance abuse, obesity, and physical fitness.

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