

Members of Congress are currently contemplating a government takeover of health care which will likely be voted on in the next legislative session. As pro-life advocates we have three concerns:

TAXPAYER FUNDED ABORTIONS

- Under the healthcare plan, virtually every American will eventually be in a plan that includes abortion by requiring individuals to buy health insurance that meets minimum benefits standards determined by unelected government bureaucrats. If the law does not clearly state that abortion is excluded, abortion automatically becomes a minimum required benefit for all public and private healthcare plans.
- President Obama and liberals in Congress say they want health care reform, but they are using health reform as a way to ram through taxpayer funded abortion. Pro-abortion groups such as Planned Parenthood and NARAL have admitted they hope to mandate "access" to abortion for "all women" through national health care reform legislation.
- **ABORTION IS NOT HEALTHCARE**, as the pro-abortion organizations would like Americans to believe, and it should not be mandated under any health insurance plan, especially one that Americans will be forced to subsidize.

NO CONSCIENCE EXCEPETION FOR MEDICAL PROVIDERS

- No conscience protections are currently in the healthcare legislation. Conscience exceptions protect doctors, nurses and other medical professionals should they choose not to perform a medical procedure, like abortion, to which they are morally opposed.
- Many physicians know they would not be able to practice good medicine without the Right of Conscience. Potentially, thousands of doctors could quit the medical field if they no longer have conscience protections because they know good medicine cannot be practiced in an ethical or moral vacuum. Caring physicians function under the Hippocratic principle to Do No Harm. If these physicians feel forced to leave their medical practice, a severe shortage of quality medical professionals would result.

RATIONED HEALTH CARE

- Unless there is sustainable, adequate financing, over-promising while under-funding health insurance for the uninsured will almost surely lead to rationing when, down the road, government has to face the shortfall. All versions of the health care restructuring bill provide for premium subsidies to help the uninsured obtain health insurance. The problem is that the proposals under serious consideration to date fail to ensure a sustainable method of financing these subsidies.
- A substantial part of the subsidies, under current proposals, would be paid for by "robbing Peter to pay Paul" – reducing Medicare funding for older people in order to cover the uninsured. The dangerous consequence is that in a few years, having over-promised and under-funded, the government will be faced with the choice of adding other means of revenue or else (and far more likely) in some way imposing rationing.

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