

## Today's [Health Insurance](#) Topic:: President Obama Fights For Your Health

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The President is doing everything he can to pass his health care bill. Speaking from the Whitehouse, Obama reaffirmed his position on health insurance, and companies that sell insurance. Florida health insurance web, feels it is important to analyze what the president is saying about health insurance, so we have provided the speech below in regards to health care. (Other points have been omitted for clarity)...

THE PRESIDENT: "[Health care](#) costs are the biggest drivers of [our deficit](#). Nobody disputes that. So I'm looking forward to meeting with several members of Congress who are working to pass [health insurance reform](#) that will bring

down long-term costs, expand coverage, and provide more choice."

I know that there are those in this town who openly declare their intention to block health reform. It's a familiar Washington script that we've seen many times before. These opponents of reform would rather score political points than offer relief to Americans who've seen premiums double and costs grow three times faster than wages. They would maintain a system that works for the insurance and the drug companies, while becoming increasingly unaffordable for families and for businesses.

But there are many others who are working hard to address this growing crisis. I know that there is a tendency in Washington to accentuate the differences instead of underscoring common ground. But make no mistake: We are closer than ever before to the reform that the American

people need, and we're going to get the job done. I have urged Congress to act, and the health care reform bills making their way through the respective committees in the House and the Senate reflect a hard-earned consensus about how to move forward. **So let me just lay out the substantial common ground in the current bills.**

1. We've agreed that our health reform bill will extend coverage and include unprecedented insurance protections for the American people. Under each of these bills, you won't be denied coverage if you've got a preexisting medical condition. You won't lose your health care if you change jobs, if you lose your job, or if you start a business. And you won't lose your insurance if you get sick.
2. We've agreed that our health reform bill will promote choice. America -- Americans will be able to compare the price and quality of different plans, and pick the plan that they

want. If you like your current plan, you will be able to keep it. Let me repeat that: If you like your plan, you'll be able to keep it. And each bill provides for a public option that will keep insurance companies honest, ensuring the competition necessary to make coverage affordable.

3. We've agreed that our health reform bill will emphasize prevention and wellness. By investing in programs that help Americans live healthier lives, we will save money, prevent illness, and increase the competitiveness of our country. We've agreed that our health reform bill will protect American families from financial catastrophe if they get sick. That's why each of these bills has out-of-pocket limits that will help ensure that families don't go bankrupt because of illness. And we have agreed that our health

reform bill will include dramatic measures to cut costs while improving quality.

Each of these bills improves oversight while cracking down on waste. Each will help reduce unwarranted giveaways to insurance companies in Medicare. And each of these bills will provide incentives so that patients get the best care, not just the most expensive care.

The consensus that we've forged is not limited to Congress. Indeed, we've forged a level of consensus on health care that has never been reached in the history of this country. Health care providers have agreed to do their part to reduce the rate of growth in health care spending. The pharmaceutical industry has agreed to spending reductions that will make prescription drugs more affordable for seniors. Hospitals have agreed to bring down costs. The American Nurses Association and the American Medical

Association, who represent millions of nurses and doctors who know our health care system best, have announced their support for reform.

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