

- 1) Myth: The bill will allow for federal funds to pay for abortions.**  
**Fact:** The Energy and Commerce Committee adopted an amendment which allows the public plan to cover abortion, but *without using federal funds*, only dollars from beneficiary premiums. Private plans in the insurance exchange could opt to cover abortions (as they do now) but *no federal subsidies would be used to pay for those procedures either*. Plans that cover no abortions whatsoever are allowed and the Committee also passed a pro-life conscience amendment to codify the Hyde/Weldon annual appropriations provision which bars Medicaid from paying for abortions except in cases involving rape, incest or when the mother's life is in danger.
- 2) Myth: The bill subsidizes health insurance for illegal aliens.**  
**Fact:** HR 3200 explicitly prohibits illegal aliens from receiving any Federal dollars to subsidize health insurance.
- 3) Myth: This Bill Includes Euthanasia and Death Panels:**  
**Fact:** The bill authorizes Medicare to pay doctors for counseling patients about end-of-life care, if the patient wishes. It does not mandate individuals to take advantage of the benefit.
- 4) Myth: The bill includes Rationing of health care.**  
**Fact:** The bill will forbid many forms of rationing that are currently being used by insurance companies. Health care reform will not lead to a "government takeover" of health care or "rationing."
- 5) Myth: The bill will force everyone onto the Public Option.**  
**Fact:** No one is being forced onto any particular plan. Public Option is one of many options, including all of the current private plans that will be available through the Health Insurance Exchange. If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor. If you like your health care plan, you can keep your health care plan.
- 6) Myth: Medicare will be Harmed by Reform**  
**Fact:** Your Medicare is safe and stronger. Reform would simply eliminate waste and unnecessary subsidies to insurance companies, not cut Medicare benefits.

**7) Myth: Small Businesses will be hurt.**

**Fact:** Health insurance reform will ease the burdens on small businesses and help level the playing field with big firms who pay much less to cover their employees on average.

**8) Myth: Concern that the bill will affect veteran' access to care.**

**Fact:** The VA Healthcare system will continue to be available for all eligible veterans. TRICARE will continue to be available for all eligible servicemen and women, and their families and the Sec. of Defense will continue to maintain sole authority over the system.

**9) Myth: Health Care reform will add to the Deficit.**

**Fact:** Health care reform will identify hundreds of billions of dollars in savings by eliminating unnecessary subsidies to insurance companies through Medicare. It is financed through a combination of payment reforms from within the health care sector and a new surcharge on the richest Americans.

**10) Myth: The Government will have Access to Bank Accounts.**

**Fact:** Health insurance reform will simplify administration, making it easier to pay bills in a method you choose. The choice is up to you and the same rules of privacy will apply as they do for all other electronic payments that people make.