

## **WARNING: Obamacare may be detrimental to your health!**

*This 2,562 page Bill is not what it appears to be. Before you vote on Nov. 2, you should know what to expect from Obamacare:*

- **20 million children destined to lose individual insurance policies due to federal mandates on pre-existing conditions . . .**

- **A shortage of doctors and services for the elderly and the disabled . . .**

Obamacare will cut \$575 billion from Medicare and Medicare Advantage over 10 years. Medicare reimbursements to hospitals that serve low-income patients will be reduced by \$22 billion; payments for home care will be slashed by \$40 billion, and inpatient and outpatient hospital services cut by \$157 billion.

- **Health care rationing in the form of long waiting lists for specialist doctors, surgery, treatments, and critical diagnostic testing . . .**

In Massachusetts' Obamacare-style health plan passed in 2006, droves of doctors have retired or left the state. One clinic in western Massachusetts had a waiting list of 1,600 patients.

Prominent Canadians on their country's health care waiting lists, such as the premier of Newfoundland, Danny Williams, and Belinda Stronach, former MP who opposed privatization in Canada, have traveled to the U.S. for health care – along with thousands of others.

- **Overcrowded hospitals . . .**

In one year, 4,000 women in the U.K. had babies in hospital hallways, bathrooms and elevators – not in maternity wards.

By 2019, Medicaid will serve 16 million more people in the U.S., and many of these will wind up in emergency rooms for non-emergency visits due to a shortage of doctors accepting Medicaid.

- **Higher death rates from cancer, and other serious but treatable diseases . . .**

The British health care system assigns a numerical value to the projected quality of a patient's life in order to determine if treatment is economical. Obamacare has such an agency in place – the Patient-Centered-Outcome Research Institute; it is ready to go, with the mere stroke of a pen.

Recently a federal panel ruled – based on a calculation of deaths per number of mammograms – that these tests were now necessary only for women between the ages of 50 and 75, and only every other year.

- **A decline in the development of life-saving technologies . . .**

The pharmaceutical industry will be spending \$2.8 billion yearly on new taxes that would otherwise be spent on developing new drugs. Firms that develop medical devices such as insulin pumps and pacemakers will be spending \$2 billion a year on taxes – which is \$2 billion less than will be spent on developing new medical technologies.

- **An eventual government takeover of our entire health care system . . .**

Large insurers will be forced to raise premiums substantially to comply with government mandates under the new law. Smaller insurance companies will be driven out of business due to federally mandated "minimum medical loss ratios."

Large corporations will find it more economical to pay federal fines than to sponsor employee health plans – the largest source of health insurance for Americans. An estimated 35 to 43 million Americans will lose their employee health benefits and move into government programs.

The new Bill (Section 1334, pages 97-100) will create two new government insurance programs that will compete with private insurance companies. Over time, the government's programs – funded by taxpayers – will drive private insurers out of business.

On March 24, 2007, Obama told the SEIU Healthcare Forum: "... I don't think we will be able to eliminate employer coverage immediately. There's going to be potentially some transition process. I can envision a decade out or 15 years out or 20 years out..."

- **A national debt equal to our entire GDP in five years -- and half of that debt owed to foreign governments . . .**

Consider: \$38 trillion currently in unfunded obligations to Medicare. Add 16 million more Medicaid recipients. Add to that 35 million moving from employer-sponsored plans to government plans. Add 68 grant programs, 47 bureaucratic entities, 29 pilot programs, six regulatory systems, six compliance standards and two new entitlements.

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