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- ❖ Creates, extends, or expands 33 federal entitlements

### Will kill jobs.

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- ❖ The National Federation of Independent Business predicts that 1 million small business jobs will be lost
- ❖ Experts agree that the new tax increases on businesses, including small businesses "could reduce the hiring of low-wage workers" and lead to lower wages for all workers
- ❖ Imposes a total of \$818 billion in new taxes

### Will force millions of Americans to lose their current coverage.

- ❖ Up to 114 million Americans will be forced into a government-run health plan, according to non-partisan experts
- ❖ Makes cuts to Medicare Advantage plans that could cause millions of seniors to lose their current coverage
- ❖ Abolishes the private market for individual health insurance

### Will add hundreds of billions to the deficit.

- ❖ CBO estimates at least \$1.6 trillion in new federal spending in the House Democrat bill
- ❖ Would increase the deficit by at least \$239 billion -- and budget gimmicks would add hundreds of billions more
- ❖ The bill "would probably generate substantial increases in federal budget deficits" in future decades, according to CBO.

### Will put government bureaucrats between doctors and patients.

- ❖ Creates 53 new boards, bureaucracies, commissions, or programs
- ❖ Contains no prohibitions on federal bureaucrats denying access to life-saving treatments for patients
- ❖ Taxes individuals who cannot afford coverage, or do not purchase "bureaucrat-approved" health plans



## REPUBLICAN HEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS

House Republicans are for health care reform that lowers costs. Republicans have a plan for real reform that expands access to affordable health care and gives families the freedom to choose the health care that fits their needs.

### Lower Costs

- ❖ Level the tax playing field and provide incentives to make coverage affordable.

### Liability Reform

- ❖ End wasteful defensive medicine practices—and increase access to physician care—by enacting reasonable limits on frivolous medical lawsuits.

### Insurance Reforms

- ❖ Encourage States to improve their insurance markets, expanding pooling opportunities to make coverage more affordable—and portable—while reducing mandates that drive up costs and increase the number of uninsured Americans.

### Incentives for Prevention and Wellness

- ❖ Allow employers to offer premium discounts and other incentives for participants in voluntary wellness programs.

### Help for Individuals with Pre-Existing Conditions

- ❖ Expand existing State programs offering coverage to chronically ill individuals and those with pre-existing conditions, to guarantee access to quality health coverage.

### New Choice of Coverage Options

- ❖ Ensure that individuals currently enrolled in Medicaid have the option to apply the value of their current health benefit towards coverage that best meets their needs.

### Encourage Health Care Savings

- ❖ Provide financial incentives for individuals to accumulate funds to pay for medical expenses through Health Savings Accounts (HSAs).

### Transparency of Information

- ❖ Make data about the price and quality of medical treatments more readily available, to allow patients to make better informed decisions about their care.

### Prevent Government from Standing Between You and Your Doctor

- ❖ Prevent government bureaucrats from denying access to life-saving treatments on cost grounds and permit Americans to choose the health care provider that best fits their needs.

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