

WHAT'S IN HEALTH CARE REFORM FOR ME?

CWA Separates Truth from Lies

There is an organized movement to spread lies and distortions about health care reform legislation (H.R. 3200) pending in the U.S. House of Representatives, which is endorsed by President Obama and CWA. The insurance industry and other special interests are trying to derail this bill by making false and misleading claims about it. Don't be fooled by their propaganda. Here are some common questions and answers:

Will the bill take away my employer health plan?	NO. CWA members will keep their negotiated health plans. CWA will negotiate benefits as we always have. Insurance companies will have to provide a comprehensive standard benefits package for all policies, which could actually improve the benefits offered by some CWA plans.
Will the bill reduce health care costs for CWA members?	YES. It will save billions of dollars for our employers. That means more money at bargaining for wage increases or benefits. It requires most employers (not small businesses) to pay for health care, which levels the playing field between union employers and irresponsible employers.
Will the bill benefit retirees?	YES. The bill expands protections for retirees. Responsible employers who provide retiree care to people 55 to 64 will get a subsidy to protect pre-Medicare retiree benefits.
Will I lose my choice of doctor?	NO. Your choices will remain the same. CWA negotiated health plans will not change except through bargaining. If a family member or friend is uninsured they will get covered and have more affordable choices.
Will the bill stop insurance company abuses?	YES. Insurance companies will be better regulated. They will no longer be able to deny you coverage up front, refuse to cover a preexisting condition or charge you more because of your occupation, health condition or gender. Insurance companies will have to compete against a public health insurance plan for people under 65 that will be similar to Medicare, which Americans can join if they want. More competition for insurance companies means lower costs and better quality for all of us.
Will the bill result in a government takeover of health care?	NO. Most Americans will keep their current employer plan. Companies with 20 or fewer employees will be able to choose between a private plan and the public health insurance plan. Government programs already provide nearly 30% of health care coverage in America, through Medicare, Medicaid, the VA and state programs.
Will I get taxed to pay for other people's health care?	NO – Unless our opponents win. H.R. 3200, taxes the very rich – just the top 1% of tax filers. It also cuts subsidies to insurance companies, negotiates better prices with drug companies, and requires hospitals to operate more efficiently.

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1-888-580-0792. Tell them to support H.R. 3200.
This is a once in a generation opportunity for us.**

