



DON'T LET McCAIN-PALIN Increase Costs for Retirees

McCain wants to tax your health care benefits. His plan will make employer-provided health benefits part of taxable income (even for early retirees) while giving the top 10 health insurance companies \$1.9 billion in tax breaks. (Center for American Progress Action Fund, 3/27/08)

Under McCain's plan, retirees will have a particularly hard time getting health care because insurance companies will be allowed to refuse coverage for people with pre-existing conditions, such as cancer survivors. (McCain campaign website; *Los Angeles Times*, 11/10/07)

McCain would pay for his health care plan by cutting Medicare and Medicaid by up to \$1.3 trillion. (*Wall Street Journal*, 3/3/08)

McCain missed critical votes to bargain for lower prescription drug prices for seniors and to amend Medicare Part D so Medicare could negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs, just like the Department of Veterans Affairs does. Prices for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D are 50 percent higher than those for veterans because the VA can bargain. (*New York Times*, 4/19/07)



OBAMA-BIDEN Will Protect Our Health Care

✓ Obama plans to lower costs and cover the uninsured, including those with pre-existing conditions and, for people with insurance, premiums would go down.

✓ Obama voted against cutting Medicaid funding.

(S.Amdt. 204 to S.Con.Res. 18, Vote 58, 3/17/05)

✓ Obama opposed steep increases in seniors' Medicare premiums.

(S. 1932, Vote 287, 11/3/05)

✓ Obama voted to allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices for senior citizens. Republicans filibustered the bill.

(S. 3, Vote 132, 4/18/07)

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