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OBAMACARE EXPANSION TALKING POINTS

ObamaCare's Medicaid Expansion is an OPTIONAL program that would extend taxpayer funded health care to able-bodied individuals earning up to 138% of the federal poverty level.

Many doctors are refusing to accept patients who rely on Medicaid as a result of slow and low reimbursement from the government. Expanding the program will make this problem worse and will hurt the truly needy – such as the elderly and disabled – the most. Some estimate Medicaid patients may have to wait up to 6 months for an appointment.

Individuals with private insurance will see their premiums skyrocket if their state expands Medicaid. Since Medicaid reimbursement to doctors and hospitals is so low, they will charge more to privately insured patients.

ObamaCare is designed to completely destroy private sector competition and force all Americans onto a government-run system - Medicaid expansion is a key step toward that end.

In some ObamaCare Expansion states, more than 30% of the population is now on Medicaid.

The federal government “promises” to pay for the “newly eligible” through 2016 (using your federal tax dollars), but then the state would have to start absorbing significant portions of the cost (using your state tax dollars). Either way, YOU are still paying for it.

There is no guarantee the federal reimbursement rate will continue as planned. In fact, even the Obama Administration itself hinted at reducing the amount it had promised to pay.





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ObamaCare Expansion is estimated to cost taxpayers over \$1 TRILLION by 2022 if all states participate – and that doesn't include the price of pre-expansion Medicaid.

States that reject ObamaCare Expansion are reducing federal spending. If the remaining states refuse to expand their programs, federal taxpayers will save an estimated \$368 billion by 2022.

If a state does not expand the program, according to the Congressional Research Service, their state taxpayer dollars are NOT being spent in other states.

The cost of ObamaCare Expansion will be largely absorbed by already cash-strapped states and will likely require state-level tax increases.

The state covers millions of dollars in new administrative costs from the moment they expand.

State taxpayers' share of ObamaCare Expansion's administrative expenses alone are estimated to be at least \$12 BILLION by the year 2020.

The states' share of the cost of benefits is estimated at \$21.5 BILLION by the year 2020.

States that have opted for ObamaCare Expansion have come in millions of dollars – and in some cases BILLIONS of dollars – over budget. To pay for the unexpected overages, some have dipped into their pre-expansion programs – meant for the truly needy – to pay for it.

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