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***“Health care reform cannot wait, it must not wait,
and it will not wait another year.”***

– PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA –
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HEALTH CARE REFORM IN 2009 – THE TIME FOR REFORM IS NOW

Soaring health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket expenses are pushing families into bankruptcy or forcing them to go without the care they need. More than 46 million Americans are already without health insurance, and every day more people are priced out of the system or denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition. Though the United States spends more on health care than any other nation, we aren't any healthier for it, and the costs of our current system are unsustainable for American families and businesses. For too long we have recognized the problems in our system, but saved the problem-solving for another day. Not any more.

**PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS CALLED FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM
BASED ON THREE CORE PRINCIPLES:**

- 1 REDUCING COSTS** – Rising health care costs are crushing governments, businesses, individuals, and families, and they must be brought under control for hard-working Americans.
- 2 GUARANTEEING CHOICE** – Every American must have the freedom to choose their plan and doctor – including the choice of a public insurance option.
- 3 ENSURING QUALITY CARE FOR ALL** – All Americans must have access to quality, affordable care.

MORE DETAILS:

- Any plan for reform should fix what's broken with our system and build on what works.
- Health care reform will save us money in the long-run, but it will come at a cost in the short term -- that additional cost must not add to our deficits over the next 10 years.
- A public option will help drive down costs, expand consumer choice, and keep insurance companies honest.
- We need to change the way we practice, deliver and pay for care, by changing the incentives and upending the conventional wisdom that more expensive care automatically equals better care.



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