

Health Care Reform: It Is Time Colorado

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Health Care Reform Will Help Lower Cost, Expand Coverage and Improve Quality of Health Care

We need health care reform that guarantees Americans always have access to quality, affordable health care. We need reform that ensures families have the freedom to keep their current plan and current doctor or, if they so desire, the freedom to choose a different plan and a different doctor. We need reform that spreads the risk, reduces costs, and doesn't allow insurance companies to deny people coverage because of pre-existing conditions, age, or gender. We need to stop playing politics with health care reform, and make sure that Congress passes legislation that gives people the peace of mind of knowing you will always have quality health care. **Maybe Washington can wait on reform, but American families and businesses want reform now.**

Health Care Reform Puts You and Your Doctor Back in Control, Not Insurance Companies

Right now, whether you realize it or not, insurance companies control your health care. They say what plans you get, what gets covered, and what gets denied. They spike your premiums, and make you weave through mountains of paper work, just to get the health care you deserve. **Health care reform will put your health care back in your control**, so you can choose your doctor and your plan, not worry about getting denied or skyrocketing costs, and have the peace of mind of quality health care coverage.

Doing Nothing is Dangerous and Destructive for Our Economy

If we do nothing on health care, the cost of health care for an average family will go up \$1,800 each year. Premiums will increase almost 100 percent in the next six years. And the explosion of costs will continue to hurt businesses and our economic future. Doing nothing is not be an option. Reform has been on the table for 60 years. For the last two decades, we've known our system is failing individuals, families, communities and businesses. **Now is our chance to hold insurance companies accountable and strengthen our health care system.**

Don't Let Politics Get in the Way of Reform

Right now, there is a lot of misinformation being sent around about the different health proposals in Congress. A lot of it is completely untrue, myths spread to try and derail this historic progress. There are a lot of powerful groups working against reform, because it's in their political and financial interest to do so, and they are willing to do and say almost anything. They are using scare tactics, preying on your worst fears, and hoping people don't realize that right now they are profiting on how frustrated we all are with the health care system. **Don't let them win this time. Don't let politics get in the way of your peace of mind on health care.**

This time, let's say no to scare tactics and misinformation campaigns, and let's say yes to a uniquely American solution that guarantees we all will always have quality, affordable health care.