



MANAGER'S AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4872, HEALTH CARE & EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY RECONCILIATION ACT

The nine-page manager's amendment that is being offered to H.R. 4872, Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act, contains mostly miscellaneous technical and minor changes to the bill. Five notable changes included in the manager's amendment include:

MEDICARE PART D DONUT HOLE

- Includes provisions that have the effect of closing the so-called "donut hole" (or coverage gap) in the Medicare prescription drug program faster – thereby reducing seniors' prescription drug costs even further.

REGIONAL DIVERSITY

- Includes about \$400 million, in 2010, to accelerate the phase-in of a Medicare physician practice expense adjustment for areas with below average practice expense payment rates.
- Includes about \$400 million, in 2011 and 2012, to provide an additional payment under the Medicare inpatient prospective payment systems to hospitals located in counties in the bottom quartile of counties as ranked by risk-adjusted spending per Medicare enrollee.

EXCISE TAX ON MEDICAL DEVICES

- Modifies the excise tax on importers and manufacturers of medical devices by lowering the rate from 2.9% to 2.3% and by broadening the base by eliminating the exclusion for Class I medical devices (except if such devices are of a type which is purchased by the general public at retail and for individual use,) raising the same \$20 billion over 10 years as the provisions in the reconciliation bill.

ELIMINATES EXEMPTION FOR BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA FROM BILL'S STUDENT LOAN REFORM PROVISIONS

- Eliminates an exemption that had been provided to the Bank of North Dakota from the bill's student loan reform provisions. This exemption would have allowed the Bank of North Dakota to continue to provide federally-guaranteed loans to college students. The bill converts, beginning July 1, 2010, all new federal student lending to the federal Direct Loan Program, instead of the federally-guaranteed student loan program.

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AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA

HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM

FOUR KEY POINTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CBO SCORE

Tonight, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released a new score for the health insurance reform legislation as revised by the 9-page manager's amendment. The CBO found the revised legislation reduces the deficit even more—\$143 billion in the first 10 years. Four key points you need to know:

1. CUTS THE DEFICIT

Cuts the deficit by \$143 billion in the first ten years (2010 – 2019).

Cuts the deficit by \$1.2 trillion in the second ten years.

2. REINS IN WASTEFUL MEDICARE COSTS AND EXTENDS THE SOLVENCY OF MEDICARE; CLOSES THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DONUT HOLE

Reduces annual growth in Medicare expenditures by 1.4 percentage points per year—while improving benefits and lowering costs for seniors.

Extends Medicare's solvency by at least 9 years.

3. EXPANDS AND IMPROVES HEALTH COVERAGE FOR MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES

Expands health insurance coverage to 32 million Americans

Helps guarantee that 94 percent of Americans will be covered.

4. IS FULLY PAID FOR

Is fully paid for – costs \$938 billion over a decade. (Americans spend nearly \$2.5 trillion each year on health care now and nearly two-thirds of the bill is paid for by reducing health care costs).

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SUPPORTERS OF HEALTH REFORM

Below is an updated list of the more than 350 organizations, representing millions of Americans, that have indicated their support for the health insurance reform legislation that the House will be considering on Sunday.

This updated list includes the American Hospital Association (which announced its support in the late morning today), American Psychiatric Association, and several other organizations.

The organizations listed below also include the American Medical Association, AARP, Catholic Health Association, Main Street Alliance (a small business group), Latinos United for Healthcare, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Federation of American Hospitals, National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, American College of Physicians, National Hispanic Medical Association, Paralyzed Veterans of America, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Diabetes Association, American Nurses Association, Families USA, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, National Women's Law Center, Consumer Federation of America, and Consumers Union.

Our office will continue to update this list.

LIST OF OVER 350 ORGANIZATIONS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HEALTH REFORM BILL As of 7:00 pm March 20

AARP
AFSCME
AIDS Action Council
AIDS Project Los Angeles
ASPIRA Association
Academic Medical Centers
Agricultural Retailers Association
Alliance for Children and Families
Alliance for Retired Americans
Alzheimer's Foundation of America
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physician Assistants
American Art Therapy Association
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Pastoral Counselors

American Association of People with Disabilities
American Association on Health and Disability
American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
American College of Nurse Midwives
American College of Physicians
American College of Seniors
American Council of the Blind
American Counseling Association
American Dance Therapy Association
American Diabetes Association
American Federation of Government Employees
American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organization
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
American Federation of Television and Radio Artists
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention/ SPAIN USA
American Foundation for the Blind
American Friends Service Committee
American Group Psychiatric Association
American Group Psychotherapy Association
American Heart Association
American Hospital Association
American Hospice Foundation
American Library Association
American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
American Mental Health Counselors Association
American Music Therapy Association
American Network of Community Options and Resources
American Nurses Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Public Health Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Psychological Association
American Public Health Association
American Social Health Association
American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology
Americans for Democratic Action
Andakusia Regional Hospital
Anxiety Disorders Association of America
Arthritis Foundation
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Asian American Justice Center
Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education
Association for the Advancement of Psychology
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs

Association of Community Affiliated Plans
Association of Hispanic Healthcare Executives
Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities
Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Autism National Committee
Autism Society of America
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Black Women's Health Imperative
B'nai B'rith International
Brain Injury Association of America
Breast Cancer Network of Strength
Bourbon Community Hospital
Burton Blatt Institute
California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)
Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids
Castleview Hospital
Catholic Health Association
Center for Adolescent Health & the Law
Center for Community Change
Center for Clinical Social work
Center for Integrated Behavioral Health Policy
Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc.
Center for Rural Affairs
Center for the Study of the American Electorate
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers
Change That Works
Child Welfare League of America
Children and Adults with ADHD
Children's Defense Fund
Clergy Strategic Alliances, LLC
Clinch Vally Medical Center
Clinical Social Work Association
Coalition on Human Needs
Colon Cancer Alliance
College of American Pathologists
Committee for Education Funding
Common Cause
CommonHealth ACTION
Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief Coalition
Community Access National Network
Community Action Partnership
Community Catalyst
Community Health Partnership: Oregon's Public Health Institute
Community Transportation Association of America
Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
Consumer Action
Consumer Federation of America
Consumers' CHECKBOOK/Center for the Study of Services
Consumers Union

Corporation for Supportive Housing
Council for Exceptional Children
Crocket Hospital
Danville Regional Medical Center
Defeat Diabetes Foundation
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
Disciples Justice Action Network
Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children
Doctors for America
Dolores Huerta Foundation
Easter Seals
Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church
Eating Disorders Coalition
Epilepsy Foundation
Evangelicals for Social Action
Every Child Matters Education Fund
Faithful America
Faithful Reform in Health Care
Families USA
Family Equality Council
Family Violence Prevention Fund
Family Voices
Farmers Union
Federation of American Hospitals
Fight Crime: Invest in Kids
First Focus Campaign for Children
Forrest City Medical Center
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Friends Fiduciary Corporation
Generations United
Harris Center for Disability and Health Policy
Health Care For All
Health Care for America Now
Healthcare Access Project
HealthHIV
Helen Keller National Center
Hillside Hospital
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Hispanic Dental Association
Hispanic National Bar Association
Hispanic Federation
HIV Health Care Access Working Group
HIV Medicine Association
IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinators Association
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers, and Helpers
International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW)
Japanese American Citizens League

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation
LA County Federation of Labor
Labor Council for Latin America Advancement
Latin American & Caribbean Office of Planned Parenthood
Latinos For National Health Insurance
Latinos United For Health Care
Leadership Council of Aging Organizations
League of Latin American Citizens
League of Women Voters of the United States
Legal Momentum
Learning Disabilities Association of America
LIVESTRONG
Lutheran Health Network
Malecare Prostate Cancer Support
MANA - A National Latina Organization
Medicare Rights Center
Memorial Medical Center
Mental Health America
Mental Health Liaison
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Mimbres Memorial Hospital
MomsRising
NAACP
NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals
National Academies of Practice
National Alliance for Caregiving
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health+A86
National Association for Rural Mental Health
National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
National Association of Childrens Hospitals
National Association of Community Health Centers
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Association of Human Rights Workers
National Association of Jewish Chaplains
National Association of Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils
National Association of Neighborhoods
National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems
National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer III, Community Networks Program
National Breast Cancer Coalition
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Center on Caregiving, Family Caregiver Alliance

National Cervical Cancer Coalition
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship
National Coalition for LGBT Health
National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs
National Coalition of Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Organizations
National Coalition on Deaf-Blindness
National Coalition on Health Care Action Fund
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
National Congress of American Indians
National Congress of Black Women, Inc.
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long Term Care
National Consumers League
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
National Council of Asian & Pacific Islander Physicians
National Council of Churches, USA Health Task Force
National Council of La Raza
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
National Council of Urban Indian Health
National Council on Aging
National Council on Independent Living
National Disability Rights Network
National Down Syndrome Congress
National Education Association
National Family Caregivers Association
National Farmers Union
National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
National Forum for Latino Healthcare Executives
National Foundation for Mental Health
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
National Health Council
National Health Equity Coalition
National Health Law Program
National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators
National Hispanic Council on Aging
National Hispanic Environmental Council
National Hispanic Leadership Agenda
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Indian Health Board
National Legal Aid and Defender Association
National Lung Cancer Partnership
National Medical Association
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Physicians Alliance
National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness
National Public Sector HealthCare Roundtable
National Puerto Rico Coalition
National Research Center for Women & Families

National Resource Center for Hispanic Mental Health
National Respite Coalition
National Rural Health Association
National Senior Citizens Law Center
National Senior Corps Association
National Spinal Cord Association
National Spinal Cord Injury Association
National Women's Law Center
NCCNHR: The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office
OCA
Opinion Leaders Advocacy Network
Our Bodies Ourselves
Out of Many, One
OWL - The Voice of Midlife and Older Women
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Partnership for Prevention
PHI - Health Care for Health Care Workers
Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health
Prescription Policy Choices
Progressive States Network
Project Inform
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition
RESULTS
Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
School Social Work Association of America
Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium
SER - Jobs For Progress
Service Employees International Union
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Institute Justice Team
Small Business Majority
Society for Adolescent Medicine
Society of Thoracic Surgeons
Southern TN Medical Center
South Texas Health Reform
Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project
SparkLight Communications
State Legislators for Health Care Reform
Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, Inc.
The Access Project
The AIDS Institute
The Arc of the United States
The Center for Health Care Policy Research and Analysis
The Children's Partnership
The Healing of the Nations Foundation
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCR)
The LGBT Cancer Project - Out With Cancer
The Main Street Alliance

The Shomer Shalom Network for Jewish Nonviolence
Therapeutic Communities of America
Tourette Syndrome Association
Trust For Americas Health
US Hispanic Leadership Institute
U.S. PIRG (Public Interest Research Group)
U.S. Positive Women's Network
US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
United Association of Journeymen & Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry of the US and
Canada
United Cerebral Palsy
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
United Neighborhood Centers of America
United States Student Association
United Spinal Association
United Steel Workers
Universal Health Care Action Network (UHCAN)
Urban Coalition for HIV AIDS Prevention Services
Us TOO International Prostate Cancer Education & Support Network
USAction
VetsFirst
Voices for America's Children
Volunteers of America
Washington Health Foundation
Wider Opportunities for Women
WISC Health Care Working Group
Witness Justice
Women of Reform Judaism
Women Together for Change
