

Materials List

Putting the Brakes on Health Care Costs: *Would the Candidates' Plans Work? Are There Better Solutions?*

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All materials can be found in full at the sources indicated

Candidates' Plans

Barack Obama's Plan for a Healthy America (excerpt)

Barack Obama for President

www.barackobama.com/issues/healthcare

Hillary Clinton Health Care Costs Agenda

Hillary Clinton for President

www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/healthcare

John McCain's Straight Talk on Health System Reform

John McCain for President

www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues

Candidate Issue Index

The Brookings Institution

www.brookings.edu/papers/2008/0222_healthcare_mcclellan_Opp08.aspx

Follow the Democratic and Republican Presidential Candidates' Health Care Reform Plans

Health Care Policy and Marketplace Review blog by Robert Leszewski

<http://healthpolicyandmarket.blogspot.com>

Leszewski's analysis of Hillary Clinton's plan --

<http://healthpolicyandmarket.blogspot.com/2007/10/analysis-of-senator-hillary-clintons.html>

Leszewski's analysis of Barack Obama's plan --

<http://healthpolicyandmarket.blogspot.com/2008/03/detailed-analysis-of-barack-obamas.html>

Leszewski's analysis of John McCain's plan --

<http://healthpolicyandmarket.blogspot.com/search/label/McCain%20Health%20Plan%20Analysis>

Health Care Costs: Problems and Solutions

“About Those Health Care Plans by the Democrats”

Robert Pear

New York Times. March 3, 2008.

www.nytimes.com

“Candidates’ Health-Care Ideas May Not Offer Immediate Cure”

Laura Meckler

Wall Street Journal. April 28, 2008

www.wsj.com (Subscription only)

CBO Testimony on Growth in Health Care Costs

Peter R. Orszag before the Committee on the Budget, United States Senate, January 31, 2008

Evidence on the Costs and Benefits of Health Information Technology (excerpt)

Stuart Hagen and Peter Richmond et al. May 2008.

Geographic Variation in Health Care Spending (excerpt)

David Auerbach and Chapin White et al. February 2008

Research on the Comparative Effectiveness of Medical Treatments (excerpt)

Phillip Ellis et al. December 2007

Technological Change and the Growth of Health Care Spending

Colin Baker et al. January 2008

Congressional Budget Office

All available at www.cbo.gov/publications

“Does Preventive Care Save Money? Health Economics of the Presidential Candidates.” Joshua Cohen et al.

New England Journal of Medicine. 358;7: 661-663. February 14, 2008.

www.nejm.org

“Don’t Break Out the Champagne: Continued Slowing of Health Care Spending Growth Unlikely to Last.” Paul B. Ginsburg

Health Affairs. 27; 1: 30-32. January/February 2008.

www.healthaffairs.org

“Evidence for the Effect of Disease Management: Is \$1 Billion a Year a Good Investment?” Soeren Mattke et al.

American Journal of Managed Care. 2007; 13: 670-676. December 2007

www.ajmc.com

2008 Milliman Medical Index

An annual study of average medical spending for a typical American family of four covered by an employer-sponsored PPO program, May 2008

www.milliman.com/expertise/healthcare/products-tools/mmi

“Options for Slowing the Growth of Health Care Costs.” James Mongan et al.

New England Journal of Medicine. 358; 14: 1509-1514. April 3, 2008.

www.nejm.org

Health Insurance Cost

National Coalition on Health Care

A fact sheet on health care costs, 2008.

www.nchc.org/facts/cost.shtml

RAND Health Information Technology Cost Study

RAND Corporation, September 2005.

www.rand.org/health/highlights.html

Polls

“Employers favor private-industry reforms to maintain an employer-based system”

Employee Benefit News. April 1, 2008

Employers are putting their faith in some private-sector initiatives to reduce health care costs and make coverage more affordable, including onsite wellness programs, disease management and cutting medical malpractice settlements.

<http://ebn.benefitnews.com/asset/article/547511/employers-favor-private-industry-reforms-maintain-employer-based.html?pg=>

Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008

An April 2008 poll finds that health care costs rank among Americans' top personal economic problems, and their struggles to deal with those costs have affected both their financial well-being and their family's health care.

www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/h08_pomr042908pkg.cfm

“Problems and Priorities”

Latest polls show health care trailing economy/jobs and the war in Iraq among priority issues, but ahead of terrorism and illegal immigration.

www.pollingreport.com

(Click on “National Priorities” in the “State of the Union” section.)

“Economic Woes Affect Americans’ Views of Health Reform”

Public Opinion Strategies and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation -- Survey Results

May 13, 2008

Poll results show “jobs and the economy” has replaced “access to affordable health insurance and coverage” as the top domestic priority. But the poll also shows that Americans see a direct connection between reforming health care and economic improvement. Respondents say “making health care more affordable” should be the top priority for improving the current economic situation for average Americans.

www.rwjf.org/pr/product.jsp?id=29571&catid=12&typeid=142