

Physician Coalition Says Candidates Fail to Share Definitive Plans for Healthcare

Eichhorn-Hutchinson Plan Will Heal American Healthcare and Save the Nation Up to One Trillion Dollars Per Year

Hamilton, NJ, February 13, 2020 – In the wake of the nation’s first primary in New Hampshire and the Iowa caucuses, the Healing American Healthcare Coalition issued a bipartisan challenge to both Democratic and Republican candidates to bring definition and clarity to their plans for addressing voters’ #1 priority – *healing American healthcare*.

To date, only generality and political rhetoric frame the plans talked about by Democratic candidates, Biden, Sanders, Warren, Buttigieg, Klobuchar and Bloomberg – and the Trump Administration remains silent as the Supreme Court recently delayed consideration of the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act until after the General Election in November.

“Bloomberg television ads abound in the nation’s top markets, touting ‘healthcare for all,’” said Coalition Executive Director, John Dalton. “Yet, the artfully produced commercials fall woefully short of explaining just how the former NYC Mayor will make it happen.”

“As a nation, we can provide universal healthcare, maintain choice and reduce the overall annual cost to our country without eliminating the private health insurance industry,” Dalton said.

While the Republican Party has not put forth a comprehensive healthcare plan, all of the Democratic presidential candidates have offered vague schemes for universal care including Medicare-For-All and expanding the Affordable Care Act with a public option and increased subsidies.

The Coalition endorses what it refers to as a “well-conceived plan” suggested by healthcare experts, Dr. Michael Hutchinson and Edward Eichhorn. The Eichhorn-Hutchinson plan requires all employers to provide health insurance similar to the universal healthcare plans of Germany and Switzerland.

“If the United States were to adopt this approach, employers could choose between being self-insured, buying private insurance, or selecting the public option,” Dalton said.

The Coalition claims that in implementing the Eichhorn-Hutchinson plan there would be no increase in government funding for health care, and it is likely that federal and state costs for Medicaid would actually decline. In total, it’s estimated that the Eichhorn-Hutchinson plan could save up to *one trillion dollars* per year.

Key Outcomes Under the Eichhorn-Hutchinson Plan

- All employers provide health insurance
- Public option funded by tax on employers who choose this option for their employees
 - Substantially *lower* than current health care costs incurred by employers
- Public option will create price competition
- Preserves a role for private insurers
- Healthcare costs can be reduced to 12 percent of GDP over ten years (from the current 19%)
- Medical billing will be simplified
- Medical-related bankruptcies in the U.S. will decrease by 50 percent
- Drug prices will be negotiated on a national level
- Life expectancy in the U.S. will improve
- Insurance premiums will decrease by as much as 30 percent
- Up to one trillion dollars in cost reduction annually

For more information about the Eichhorn-Hutchinson plan visit www.healingamericanhealthcare.org

About Healing American Healthcare Coalition

The Healing American Healthcare Coalition is an independent organization dedicated to providing its members with timely and insightful information and reports concerning universal healthcare proposals and programs. The Coalition is not a political action committee, nor is it affiliated with any political party. The Coalition's mission is to be a trusted objective source regarding the current discussions on potential healthcare initiatives that could have an impact on the health and well-being of Americans today and in the future.

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