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Healthcare Reform Top-of-Mind for Super Tuesday Voters

Novel Coronavirus a Wakeup Call to Public Policy Makers on the Critical Need for Universal Care

Hamilton, NJ, March 4, 2020 – Earlier this week, Democratic candidates Buttigieg and Klobuchar bowed out of the 2020 presidential race to further consolidate the moderate Democratic view, while Senators Sanders and Warren stand firm on a pro-Medicare-for-All stance that many Americans believe leans too far to the left. Healthcare has been centerstage during recent debates in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina and remains top-of-mind as America reached the turning point of primary season on Super Tuesday.

John Dalton, Executive Director of the Healing American Healthcare Coalition, stated: “We need a better well planned approach to universal care for Americans that will reduce costs, improve outcomes and encourage physicians to continue to practice medicine. Simply put, Medicare-for-All is *not* that plan.”

The Healing American Healthcare Coalition endorses a well-conceived universal healthcare plan co-authored by Edward Eichhorn and Dr. Michael Hutchinson. According to the Coalition, if the United States were to adopt this approach, employers would be required to provide healthcare plans, but could choose between being self-insured, buying private insurance, or selecting a competitive public option.

“The current pandemic is a wakeup call to public policy makers in the United States,” Dalton said. “The rapid and pervasive spread of the novel coronavirus is likely to overwhelm the current system and increase medical-related bankruptcies throughout the nation. Future plans for effectively managing life-threatening health-related events like the novel coronavirus should begin with a universal healthcare plan that provides comparable coverage for all Americans.”

By fostering competition in the private insurance market with a cost-effective public option, the Eichhorn-Hutchinson plan is expected to reduce employer healthcare costs by as much as 30%.

The Coalition believes that implementing the Eichhorn-Hutchinson universal healthcare plan would not lead to an increase in government funding, and it is likely that federal and state costs for Medicaid would 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
- American life expectancy will increase
- Insurance premiums will decrease by as much as 30 percent
- Up to one trillion dollars in cost reduction annually

A reference book that describes the plan in greater detail, “Healing American Healthcare”, was recently made available to thousands of libraries throughout the United States through New Shelves Books. For more information about the Eichhorn-Hutchinson plan visit 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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