

Two Very Serious Problems with OBAMA Proposed Senate Health Bill

1) SENATE HEALTH BILL WOULD BECOME EVEN MORE EXPANSIVELY PRO-ABORTION IF MODIFIED BY NEW OBAMA PROPOSALS

Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), reported.

“Any member of Congress who votes for the final legislation proposed by President Obama will be voting for direct federal funding of elective abortion through Community Health Centers, and also an array of other pro-abortion federal subsidies and mandates.

The health bill passed by the Senate in December (H.R. 3590) had become, by the conclusion of the Senate amendment process, the most expansively pro-abortion bill ever brought to the floor of either house of Congress since *Roe v. Wade*. The Senate bill, as passed, contained seven distinct problems pertaining to abortion policies

If all of the President's changes were made, the resulting legislation would allow direct federal funding of abortion on demand through Community Health Centers, would institute federal subsidies for private health plans that cover abortion on demand (including some federally administered plans), and would authorize federal mandates that would require even non-subsidized private plans to cover elective abortion.

The Senate bill, due to a last-minute amendment, provides \$7 billion for the nation's 1,250 Community Health Centers, without any restriction whatever on the use of these federal funds to pay directly for abortion on demand. (These funds are entirely untouched by the "Hyde Amendment" that currently covers Medicaid.) Obama today proposed to increase that figure to \$11 billion, but without adding a prohibition on the use of the funds for abortion. “
<http://www.nrlc.org/AHC/NRLCmemoCommHealth.pdf>

2) OBAMA PROPOSAL LIMITS RIGHTS OF AMERICANS OF ALL AGES TO USE THEIR OWN MONEY TO SAVE THEIR OWN LIVES

Burke Balch, J.D., director of the National Right to Life Committee's Powell Center for Medical Ethics reports:

“The February 22, 2010, Obama Administration health care proposal imposes premium price controls on ALL insurance plans, not just those for Medicare-eligible senior citizens. That means that the right of Americans to spend their own money to get insurance plans less likely to deny treatment will be significantly limited. People will not be allowed to spend their own money, if they choose, to improve the chances of saving their own family's lives.”

For the impact of the Obama proposal on Medicare and senior citizens, see

<http://powellcenterformedicalethics.blogspot.com/2010/02/obama-proposal-threatens-to-deny-senior.html>