

## Reading Guide—Democrat Health “Reform”

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The House Republican Conference has compiled a list of important page numbers and provisions in the 1,018-page “[America’s Affordable Health Choices Act](#):”

**Page 19**—Section 102(c) prohibits the sale of private individual health insurance policies, beginning in 2013, forcing individuals to purchase coverage through the federal government

**Page 30**—Section 123 establishes a new board of federal bureaucrats (the “Health Benefits Advisory Committee”) to dictate the health plans that all individuals must purchase—and would likely require all Americans to subsidize and purchase plans that cover any abortion

**Page 74**—Sections 202(c) and (d) protects Members of Congress with existing federal employee coverage (as defined in Section 100(c)(6) on page 9) from joining the government-run health plan offered through the Exchange

**Page 116**—Section 221 establishes a new government-run health plan that, according to non-partisan actuaries at the [Lewin Group](#), would cause as many as 114 million Americans to lose their existing coverage

**Page 139**—Section 245 includes language requiring verification of income for individuals wishing to receive federal health care subsidies under the bill—however, the bill includes no requirement for individuals to verify their citizenship or identity before receiving taxpayer-subsidized health benefits

**Page 167**—Section 401 imposes a 2.5 percent tax on all individuals who do not purchase “bureaucrat-approved” health insurance—the tax would apply on individuals with incomes under \$250,000, thus breaking a central [promise](#) of then-Senator Obama’s presidential campaign

**Page 183**—Section 412 imposes an 8 percent “tax on jobs” for firms that cannot afford to purchase “bureaucrat-approved” health coverage; according to an [analysis](#) by Harvard Professor Kate Baicker, such a tax would place millions “at substantial risk of unemployment”—with minority workers losing their jobs at twice the rate of their white counterparts

**Page 197**—Section 441 imposes additional job-killing taxes, in the form of a half-trillion dollar “surcharge,” more than half of which will hit small businesses; according to a model developed by President Obama’s senior economic advisor, such taxes could cost up to 5.5 million jobs

**Page 331**—Section 1161 cuts more than \$150 billion from Medicare Advantage plans, potentially jeopardizing millions of seniors’ existing coverage

**Page 425**—Section 1233 makes end-of-life care consultations eligible for Medicare reimbursement

**Page 501**—Section 1401 establishes a new Center for Comparative Effectiveness Research; the bill includes no provisions preventing the government-run health plan from using such research to deny access to life-saving treatments on cost grounds, similar to Britain’s National Health Service, which denies patient treatments costing more than £35,000

**Page 835**—Section 1802(b) includes provisions entitled “**TAXES ON CERTAIN INSURANCE POLICIES**” to fund comparative effectiveness research, breaking Speaker Pelosi’s promise that “We will not be taxing [health] benefits in any bill that passes the House,” and the President’s promise not to raise taxes on families with incomes under \$250,000