



Senator Thomas R. Carper

Senator Carper is a member of the Finance Committee, which is working on its own health care reform bill. The Committee has not yet finalized its version, but these are the senator's priorities that he will fight to see included in the bill.

- Ensuring health reform will not add to our deficit and will be fully paid for.
- Improving our economy by bending the cost curve of rising health care costs.
- Incentivizing healthy behaviors and strengthening prevention and wellness.
- Promoting and improving care coordination among doctors and nurses with the use of technology.
- Replicating the best practices in our more efficient, quality-driven health systems such as the Cleveland and Mayo Clinics.

The Simple Truth About Health Care Reform

Health care costs are breaking the backs of middle class families and small businesses. Each year, health care costs increase, yet we don't see better results. In addition, every American family pays \$1,000 in hidden taxes each year to cover the health care costs of the uninsured.

The status quo is unacceptable and the cost of inaction is too great. Now is the time for health care reform.

We are committed to reforming the health insurance system this year:

- Reform will reduce the costs of health insurance for middle class families and small businesses, limit out-of-pocket costs and reduce the amount seniors have to pay for prescription drugs.
- Reform will improve the health care Americans receive by rewarding doctors and hospitals for the quality of their work, not the quantity.
- Reform will protect your choice of doctors, hospitals and insurance plans.
- Reform will assure stability and security in health care for all Americans by ensuring that they never lose their health care because of a change in employment or a pre-existing condition.

Moreover, health care reform will do all these things without increasing our nation's deficit.