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**RNC Talking Points: Republicans Want Health Care Reform –
Not President Obama’s Government-Run Health Care Experiment**

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- The White House’s latest tactic to rescue its failing health care plan is highlighting Republicans who say they support health care reform to fool Americans into thinking these Republicans support the president’s government-run health care experiment.
- This is yet another example of the White House’s preference for PR over substance.
- Republicans know we need to reform our health care system – Republicans have been saying it all along. Health care today costs too much for families and small businesses.
- But the Democrats’ government-run health care plan is the wrong solution – it would increase costs, increase taxes, increase the deficit and reduce quality of care.
- Despite the president’s rhetoric about wanting bipartisan health care reform, it has been 6 months since he met with Congressional Republicans on this issue.

- At nearly every step, Democrats in Congress have rejected Republican amendments to make health care more affordable and to protect the doctor-patient relationship.

- Senate HELP Committee Democrats even mysteriously dropped language from one Republican-backed amendment from their bill.

- It is clear that Democrat claims for a bipartisan bill are nothing but empty rhetoric – the president, Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi are going to develop their own partisan government-run health care plan behind closed doors and force it through Congress.

- Republicans support common-sense incremental reforms that will make health care more affordable and protect the doctor-patient relationship:

- Republicans believe we need tort reform to end frivolous lawsuits that drive up health care costs for everyone.

- Republicans want to encourage health care portability so people can take their coverage with them when they change jobs.

- Republicans believe Americans should get coverage regardless of preexisting conditions.

- Republicans support allowing small businesses to join together to purchase quality health care benefits for their workers at a more affordable price, just as many large businesses and unions are allowed to do.

- If Democrats are serious about passing health care reform this year they should begin by working with Republicans on the 80% of common-sense health care reforms that both parties agree upon, and give up their plans to increase spending and the deficit, cut Medicare and increase the role of government.

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