

2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans

Plank #14 – Health Care

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Our national health care system should continue to be a private market system with reforms to come from business innovation, entrepreneurs, and the competition of capitalism to drive all health care prices down. Therefore, we support the immediate repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

We believe;

1. Individuals must be responsible for meeting their own health care cost, but have the right to choose from among traditional insurance, Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs) or Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), or installment payment options to retire their obligations.
2. Third party payments drive unnecessary health care cost. Eliminating restrictions which prevent the purchase of health insurance across state lines is the best free market solution, to increase choice and price/benefit competition.
3. Allowing individuals, private groups and small businesses the freedom to form collective purchasing groups for the purpose of acquiring health insurance.
4. Constitutionally, a citizen's patient/doctor privilege cannot be superseded by any Governor, State, or Federal official declaring an Emergency Powers Act. Citizens can never be forced to use any medical product or device that is distributed or operated under the guise of a government issued Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).
5. Tort reform, as it relates to medical malpractice litigation, will significantly reduce physician's insurance costs, as well as reduce the frequency, and expense, of excessive testing fundamental to the practice of "defensive medicine."
6. In the generous and charitable nature of the American people, as evidenced by the numerous existing charitable organizations (NGO), that can be organized toward providing medical cost relief for needy individuals.
7. There should be no tax payer-funded payment for medical services provided to illegal aliens, beyond short-term, life-threatening emergency services as a result of accident.

We oppose;

1. Nationalization of, and specifically the creation of the "Public Option," taxpayer funded, single payer healthcare systems.
2. Any restrictions on the right of patients and their doctors to independently decide upon a course of treatment, excluding abortion services as defined in "Platform Plan #3 – Sanctity of Life." Rather, we reserve our "Right to Try" novel and unapproved medical solutions signed into law by President Trump.

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3. Insurance companies or government agencies having the authority to alter courses of treatment determined by doctors and their patients, or the superseding of parent's rights for the best course of treatment for their children.
4. The Government imposing any mandate requiring individuals to purchase health insurance.