

# The 10 Worst Things about ObamaCare

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Americans say the health law will make things worse rather than better for taxpayers, businesses, doctors, and those who currently have health insurance, according to a recent Gallup poll. A *New York Times*/CBS News poll found health care will be an extremely or very important issue for 82% of Americans in deciding their vote for president in November. Further, opposition to the law is higher now than before the Supreme Court decision, according to a Kaiser poll.

Why is that? Here are 10 reasons why:

## 1 INDIVIDUAL MANDATE

For the first time ever, the federal government will force citizens to use their own money to purchase a private product — expensive health insurance. The fact that the Supreme Court says the penalty for not complying is a tax does not diminish this breathtaking assertion of congressional authority. Americans now will be compelled to purchase health insurance the government requires every month for their entire lives.

## 2 EMPLOYER MANDATE

Most companies will be required to provide and pay for expensive government-mandated health insurance for their employees or face federal fines.

## 3 ANTI-CONSCIENCE MANDATE

Religious organizations and private businesses are required to provide free sterilization, contraceptives, and abortion-inducing drugs to their employees, even if it violates their religious convictions.

## 4 MEDICARE PAYMENT CUTS

\$716 billion in payment reductions to Medicare providers and Medicare Advantage plans will cause more and more physicians to stop seeing Medicare patients. The Independent Payment Advisory Board will give unelected, unaccountable technocrats enormous rationing power over Medicare.

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### 5 GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER DOCTOR DECISIONS

Value-based payments, quality reporting requirements, and government comparative-effectiveness boards will dictate how doctors practice medicine. Nearly half of all physicians are seriously considering leaving practice, resulting in a severe doctor shortage.

### 6 NEW AND HIGHER TAXES

The law contains 18 new and higher taxes totaling \$569 billion that will hit medical innovators, health insurance, and even the sale of your home.

### 7 HIGHER HEALTH COSTS

The Kaiser Family Foundation says the average price of a family policy has risen by \$2,200 during the Obama administration. The president promised premiums would be \$2,500 lower by this year. Hospitals, doctors, businesses, and consumers all expect their taxes and health costs to rise under ObamaCare.

### 8 HUGE DEFICITS

The CBO has raised its cost estimate for the law to \$1.76 trillion over ten years, but that is only the opening bid as more and more people lose their job-based coverage and flood into taxpayer subsidized insurance.

### 9 EXCHANGES

Vast new bureaucracies will be created, either by states or the federal government, to check into our finances and families so they can hand out generous taxpayer subsidies for health insurance to families earning more than \$90,000 a year.

### 10 159 NEW BOARDS, AGENCIES, AND PROGRAMS

The Obama administration is working quickly to set up as many of the law's intrusive bureaucracies as fast as possible to cement Washington control over one-sixth of our economy.



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