

# Kennedy-Dodd Health Care Bill by the Numbers

*Not Affordable, Not Good Choices*



Here is a look at some numbers in the Kennedy-Dodd health care legislation unveiled so far:

**615**—Pages in the bill

**30 million** – Number of uninsured Americans who would still be without health care insurance even if the bill became law

**\$110,250**—Level of annual family income (family of four) which would be eligible for health insurance subsidies

**15 million**—Number of Americans who would lose their current *employer-provided* health coverage

**8 million**—Number of Americans who would lose their current health coverage from other sources

**\$1 trillion**—Estimated cost of one of the six Titles in the bill, based on the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) initial estimate

**200+** — Times the bill gives new powers are given to the Secretary of HHS to establish programs, parameters, appropriate monies, and otherwise dictate the course of one sixth of the economy.

**\$2 trillion** — Estimated 30 year cost of new long-term care entitlement program in the bill, according to independent estimates (using the same premium assumptions as CBO)

**51**—Additional offices, bureaus, commissions, programs, and bureaucracies the bill creates

**1,084**—Uses of the word “shall,” representing new duties to be carried out by federal bureaucrats and mandates on individuals, businesses, and States

**Zero** — Number of Republican ideas included in the bill after months of Senate Democrats saying they wanted a bipartisan bill

**\$60+ billion**—Minimum loss sustained by taxpayers *every year* due to Medicare and Medicaid fraud; the bill continues to rely on ineffective anti-fraud statutes and procedures that have kept Medicare on the Government Accountability Office's list of high-risk programs for two decades

**Zero** — Prohibitions on any government programs from using cost-effectiveness research to impose delays to or denials for access to life-saving treatments, or ration health care

**2017**—Year Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will be exhausted—a date ignored by the bill