OBAMACARE FUZZWORDS – The ‘Fuzzy Lingo’ Score Card for Americans

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KEY:

- “Health care quality” – physician compliance with government-issued medical practice directives.
- “Keep them honest” – Who will keep the government honest?
- “Affordable coverage” – expensive first-dollar prepaid health care without guaranteed access to the care you need and want.
- “Critics” – you and any other American opposing the proposed government takeover of health care.
- “Public option” – new government program that will usher in a single-payer health care system.
- “Not add one dime to our deficit” – Per Congressional Budget Office (CBO), H.R. 3200 will add 2.4 trillion dimes ($240 billion) to the federal deficit from 2010 to 2019, even though the law would not take effect until 2013.
- “Limit out-of-pocket costs” – Prohibit cash payments for care denied, as is now law in Medicare?
- “Irresponsible behavior” – the assertion that the President is not proposing socialized medicine.
- “Choice and competition” – what President Obama plans to eliminate.
- “My plan” – there is no plan, only a speech. A plan is black words on white paper that can be read.
- “Distortion” – the truth being told by the President’s critics (see “Critics” above).
- “Hold them accountable” – make health plans into government contractors for the purpose of health care rationing and health care denials.
- “SOCIALIZED MEDICINE” – what President Obama wants to impose on all Americans.
- “Coverage” – the promise of care without the guarantee of access to care. COVERAGE IS NOT CARE.
- “Identify fraud, waste & abuse” – decide what treatments will not be available to which patients at what age and ability.
- “Care that doesn’t make us healthier” – rationale for imposing rationing and denial of care.
- “Not cut Medicare benefits” – but will cut ACCESS to those benefits when $500 billion is cut.
- “Preventive care saves money” – Not true, according to the CBO (8/7/09). Costs exceed savings.
- “Make Medicare more efficient” – less access to physicians? Government access to medical records to monitor doctors and patients?
- “Best practices” – government-issued treatment directives, technologies and prescriptions.
- “Greater value” – euphemism for rationing and health care denials. How is “value” defined? Who decides?
- “Tort reform” – an empty promise made to secure Republican votes on the bill (as occurred with MSA pilot program in 1996 HIPAA bill).
- “Unnecessary costs” – the expense of any service the government wants to ration or deny.
- “Reduce the deficit” – impossible promise under the expensive proposals offered.
- “Require coverage” – unconstitutional federal “individual mandate” for the purchase of health insurance, guaranteeing federal control over health insurance and the provision of health care services.