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Everyone is Equal in the Exchange Except Congress

Members of Congress say they’re in the same Exchange boat as their constituents. Not exactly. For example, members of Congress have 112 “Gold” level plans to choose from. People in Alabama have only seven options. And they aren’t all at the gold level.

In addition, members of Congress get special information sessions and direct phone lines to insurers to ask questions.

Also, members of Congress get up to 75% of the cost picked up by taxpayers. Obamacare exchanges for Congress are nothing like Obamacare exchanges for the rest of us. And even if they were, I ask you to refuse to enroll in this national tracking and enforcement system.


“Big Insurers avoid many state health exchanges,” Jayne O'Donnell and Annika McGinnis, USA TODAY, October 21, 2013.