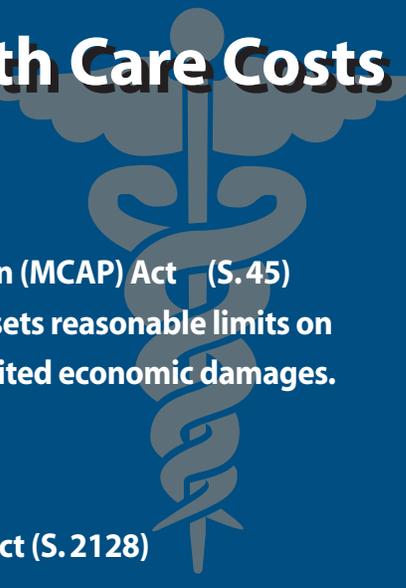


Step-By-Step to Reduce Health Care Costs



1.

Reduce junk lawsuits against doctors

- 28 pages – Sen. Ensign – Medical Care Access Protection (MCAP) Act (S. 45)
- Comprehensive medical liability reform measure that sets reasonable limits on noneconomic damages, while also providing for unlimited economic damages.

2.

Combat waste fraud and abuse

- 21 pages – Sen. LeMieux – Prevent Health Care Fraud Act (S. 2128)

3.

Allow small businesses to pool resources to purchase health insurance for employees

- 88 pages – Sen. Enzi – Small Business Health Plans Act (S. 2818)
- Will give small business owners, by joining together through their associations, the kind of clout in the marketplace needed to negotiate high-value and high-quality health insurance for their members on a regional or even national basis.

4.

Purchasing health insurance across state lines to increase competition

- 30 pages – Sen. DeMint – Health Care Choices Act (S. 1459)
- Creates a national market for health insurance by allowing individuals to purchase health plans in any state – as they can with car insurance today.

5.

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)

- 1 page – Sens. DeMint and Kyl – Health Care Equity Act (S. 2835) Section 2
- Would allow Americans with HSAs to make tax free withdrawals to pay health insurance premiums.

6.

Wellness and Prevention

- Xx pages – Sen. Ensign – ???
- Will encourage wellness and prevention by allowing employers more flexibility to incent healthy behaviors...