






CHART #1: SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON OF 2008 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES' HEALTH PLANS (LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)

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Health Care Plan Release Date	May 24, 2007 – Part I: Cost August 23, 2007 – Part II: Quality September 18, 2007 - Part III: Coverage	No formal announcement	May 29, 2007
Stated Goals for Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure quality, affordable, universal health coverage for all Americansⁱ ➤ Introduced the American Health Choices Planⁱⁱ ➤ Offers new coverage choices for insured and uninsuredⁱ ➤ Lower premiums and increase security of coverageⁱ ➤ Promote shared responsibilityⁱ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Advocates for a universal healthcare system that provides equal medical services for all citizensⁱⁱⁱ ➤ Would issue free vouchers to all Americans to cover comprehensive medical services^{iv} ➤ All Americans could use their vouchers to select their own health care professional^v 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide affordable, comprehensive, and portable health insurance for every American^{vi} ➤ Believes we can achieve a universal health care system in four years—by the end of his first term^{vii}
Implementation Timeline	No information found	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Believes we can achieve a universal health care system in four years—by the end of his first term^{vii}

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Mandatory Requirement to Obtain Insurance & Structure of Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individuals will be responsible for obtaining and keeping coverageⁱ ➤ Provides consumers with the option to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keep current health care coverageⁱ ➤ Choose a private health plan from the new Health Choices Menu, established without any new bureaucracy as part of the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program (FEHBP)ⁱ ➤ Choose a public plan which could be modeled on the traditional Medicare program, but would cover the same benefits as guaranteed in private plan options in the Health Choices Menuⁱ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposes issuing free vouchers to all Americans for coverage of comprehensive medical services, including vision, dental, and catastrophic care^{iv} ➤ Individuals would sign up for a voucher from the Federal Government, which would give them the choice of 5 or 6 insurance plans^{viii} ➤ Insurance companies would compete on the basis of administration but not determine what care people receive^{viii} ➤ Vouchers would require a modest co-pay and modest deductibleⁱⁱⁱ ➤ Individuals can purchase additional health vouchers beyond what they are issuedⁱⁱⁱ ➤ Regional health boards would determine what vouchers are for (will change every year depending on personal health history and age)ⁱⁱⁱ ➤ Voucher plan would allow choice of doctors and hospitalsⁱⁱⁱ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wants to make insurance more affordable for U.S. residents rather than make it mandatory^{ix} ➤ Believes that most families want health care, but can't afford it^{ix} ➤ Mandatory coverage of children^{vi} ➤ Expand the number of options for young people up to age 25 to continue coverage through their parents' plans^{vi} ➤ Americans will be able to maintain their current coverage if they choose to^{vi} ➤ Uninsured individuals will be covered by a new national health plan that has:^{vi} <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guaranteed eligibility^{vi} • Comprehensive benefits similar to those offered through the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program (FEHBP)^{vi} • Easy enrollment^{vi} • Portability and choice^{vi}
Employer Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Build upon the existing employer-based private healthcare system^x ➤ Large employers required to provide health insurance or contribute to a government-run insurance pool^{xi} ➤ Small employers will receive tax credits to help provide employees with coverage^{xi} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ States that universal health-care voucher plan will relieve American businesses of the financial responsibility of providing health insurance for their workers while ensuring that their employees receive adequate care^v 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Employers that do not offer adequate insurance or make significant contributions to quality health coverage for their employees will be required to contribute a percentage of payroll toward the costs of the national plan^{vi} ➤ Believes that protecting and promoting health is a shared responsibility among individuals, families, schools, employers, the medical and public health workforce, and Federal, state and local governments^{vi} ➤ Smallest businesses (less than 15 employers) are exempt from the requirement that they provide coverage for their employees^{xii}
Costs of Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$110 billion a year^{xi} 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$50 billion to \$65 billion annually^{xiii}
How Costs are Covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cost savings used to help finance coverage for uninsured^{xiv} ➤ Reinvest savings from efficiency reforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paid for by a retail sales tax (a portion of the Progressive Fair tax)ⁱⁱⁱ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposes four steps to modernize U.S. health care system and contain health care costs: 1) offer Federal reinsurance to employers to help

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	<p>which will make health care more affordableⁱ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phase-out Medicare overpayments to insurance plans and eliminate unnecessary Medicare and Medicaid spendingⁱ ➤ Constrain prescription drug costs through biogenerics competition, removal of barriers to market access for generics, empowering Medicare to negotiate, reimportation of drugs, providing higher Medicaid brand rebates and promoting e-prescribingⁱ ➤ Discontinue tax cuts for top two income tax brackets and discontinue increases in tax exemptions for households over \$250,000ⁱ ➤ Cap federal tax exclusion of employer contributions for health benefits for households making over \$250,000ⁱ ➤ Modernize health care system with health IT, comparative effectiveness, and chronic disease management programsⁱ ➤ Provide working families with a refundable tax credit that is designed to prevent premiums from exceeding a percentage of family income, while maintaining consumer price consciousness in choosing health plansⁱ 		<p>ensure that unexpected or catastrophic illnesses do not make health insurance unaffordable or out of reach for businesses and their employees, 2) ensure that patients receive and providers deliver quality care, 3) adopt state-of-the-art health information technology systems, and 4) reform market structure to increase competition^{vi}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allow the Bush tax cuts to expire for people making more than \$250,000 per year^{xv} ➤ May increase taxes on inheritances valued at more than \$7 million^{xiii} ➤ Partnerships among Federal and state governments, employers, providers, and individuals^{vi} ➤ Provide income-related Federal subsidies for individuals and families who do not qualify for Medicaid or SCHIP^{vi} ➤ Eliminate excessive subsidies of Medicare Advantage plans and pay these plans the amount paid to treat the same patients under regular Medicare^{vi}
Estimated Savings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At least \$110 billion/year in savings from efficiency reforms and repeal of tax cutsⁱ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$10 billion from ending excessive Medicare overpayments ➤ \$7 billion in savings from unnecessary Medicare and Medicaid spending ➤ \$4 billion from containing prescription drug costs ➤ \$35 billion from modernizing health care system (e.g. Health IT and chronic disease management) ➤ \$52 billion from discontinuing current 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Up to \$2,500/year/family^{vi} ➤ Up to \$200 billion/year^{xiii} ➤ Up to \$30 billion by repealing the ban on direct negotiation with drug companies^{vi} ➤ Savings achieved through health IT investment, prevention and management of chronic conditions, reduction of uncompensated care, increase in insurance industry competition, reduction of insurance overhead and cost of premiums^{vi} ➤ Estimated savings of up to \$77 billion/year from hospital and doctor adoption of electronic

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	<p>tax cuts for top two income brackets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$2 billion from capping Federal income tax exclusion of employer contributions for health benefits for households over \$250,000 ➤ \$2,200/year/family^{xiv} ➤ \$25 billion in savings for businesses^{xiv} ➤ \$77 billion from use of health IT^{xiv} 		health records ^{vi}
Insurance Pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish large insurance pools that lower administrative costs for small businesses and individuals by spreading risk ➤ Would prevent companies^{xiv} from shifting costs by “cherry picking”^{xiv} ➤ Businesses, employees, and the uninsured will have the option of buying group insurance through a new Health Choices Menu that is part of the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program (FEHBP)ⁱ ➤ States will have the option of joining together to offer the same type of choices in a region of the countryⁱ ➤ Choices in the menu will provide benefits that are comparable or better than the plan offered to Members of Congress, which includes mental health parity and often some dental coverageⁱ 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish National Health Insurance Exchange to help individuals who want to purchase a private insurance plan^{vi} ➤ Through the Exchange, any American will have the opportunity to enroll in the new public plan or purchase an approved private plan^{vi} ➤ Income-based sliding scale subsidies will be provided for people and families who need it^{vi} ➤ All plans offered must be at least as generous as new public plan and meet the same standards for quality and efficiency^{vi} ➤ Insurers required to justify an above-average premium increase to National Health Insurance Exchange^{vi} ➤ Exchange will act as a watchdog and help reform the private insurance market. It will establish rules and standards for participating insurance plans to ensure fairness and to make individual coverage more affordable and accessible^{vi} ➤ Will evaluate plans and make the differences between them transparent to consumers^{vi}
New or Expanded Federal/Public Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish the Retiree Health Reinsurance Competitiveness Initiative that provides a tax credit for qualifying private and public retiree health plans to offset part of the catastrophic expenditures exceeding a certain thresholdⁱ ➤ Companies participating in the Retiree Health Reinsurance Competitiveness Initiative must demonstrate employment of best health practices, including chronic care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Federal Government would issue annual health care vouchers to Americans based on their projected needs (as determined by age and personal medical history)^v ➤ Create central body called “Health Care Board” with regional boards to define what the various vouchers are forⁱⁱⁱ ➤ Would consider creating a government program modeled after Medicare for people to choose from in addition to the 5 or 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish new national health plan^{vi} <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will provide affordable, comprehensive, and portable health coverage that is similar to plan available to Federal employees (FEHBP)^{vi} • Will be open to individuals without access to group coverage, to those who are self-employed, and to small businesses that want to offer insurance to their employees^{vi}

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	<p>management, information technology, and other modernization initiatives that maximize value, quality, and accountabilityⁱ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Businesses, employees, and the uninsured will have the option of buying group insurance through a new Health Choices Menu that is part of the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program (FEHBP)ⁱ ➤ Health Care Menu will also have a public plan option, modeled on the traditional Medicare program, but would provide the same benefits as guaranteed in private plan options in the Health Choices Menuⁱ ➤ Employers can buy into the new Health Choices Menu for early retireesⁱ ➤ Choices in the menu will provide benefits that are comparable or better than the plan offered to Members of Congress, which includes mental health parity and often some dental coverageⁱ 	<p>private plansⁱⁱⁱ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy enrollment process^{vi} ➤ States can continue to experiment with their own plans provided that they meet the minimum standards of the national plan^{vi} ➤ Provide income-related Federal subsidies for individuals and families who do not qualify for Medicaid or SCHIP to purchase the new public plan or to buy a private health care plan^{vi} ➤ Reimburse employer health plans for a portion of catastrophic costs above a threshold if employers guarantee that these savings will be used to reduce cost of workers' premiums^{vi}
Veterans Health Care Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure that every veteran in America will have the health care and assistance they need^{xvi} ➤ Restore the policy that opened the VA's health care system to all veterans who seek to enroll^{xvi} ➤ Make a long-term commitment to strengthen the VA system with adequate funding and ensure its capacity to avoid backlogs and to handle increased enrollments^{xvi} ➤ Increase the number of qualified VA evaluators to reduce the backlog of claims^{xvi} ➤ Establish a pilot program on homelessness prevention for veterans that will provide subsidies, eviction prevention, and one-time assistance for veterans who fall behind on their rent^{xvi} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure that veterans receive full benefits for their most critical needs, including treatment for post traumatic stress disorderⁱⁱⁱ ➤ Make permanent the 100% disability ratings of those diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)^{xvii} ➤ Ensure that the VA system is fully financed and has sufficient numbers of well-trained personnel to provide quality care that is available^{xvii} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase the Department of Veterans Affairs' budget^{xviii} ➤ Improve mental health services for veterans^{xviii} ➤ Require face-to-face mental health screenings for all service members^{xviii}

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State Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ States will have the option of banding together to offer the same type of choices in a region of the countryⁱ 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ States can continue to experiment with their plans provided that they meet the minimum standards of the national plan^{vi}
Medicaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthen Medicaid to serve all low-income individualsⁱ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phase out Medicare and Medicaid over time^{xix} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expand eligibility for Medicaid^{vi}
Coverage for Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthen SCHIP to ensure that the most vulnerable populations receive affordable quality careⁱ ➤ Continue support of public hospitals and community health centers that serve vulnerable populationsⁱ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Federal Government would issue annual health care vouchers to Americans based on their projected needs (as determined by age and personal medical history) v 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All children required to have coverage^{vi} ➤ Expand eligibility for SCHIP^{vi} ➤ Expand the number of options for young people up to age 25 to continue coverage through their parents' plans^{vi}
Health Insurance Regulations/ Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Access to larger insurance pools that will lower costs and end insurance company discrimination against people with pre-existing conditions^{xiv} ➤ Insurers would be required to prove they were spending more on direct care-giving and less on marketing and practices to avoid providing insurance to high-risk Americans^{xiv} ➤ Subject health insurers to the same type of Federal regulations as brokerages^{xx} ➤ Insurance companies would not be allowed to require genetic tests or consider results of any test when determining eligibility for or cost of health insurance to prevent genetic discrimination^{xxi} ➤ Increase federal government regulation of health insurers. States could implement additional rules^{xx} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prohibits exclusion based on health, income level, or any other reasonv ➤ People will not be disqualified based on a pre-existing conditioniii 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposed health plan would ensure that no American is denied access to health care because of illness or pre-existing conditions^{vi, 15} ➤ Increase Federal regulations on mergers between health insurers^{xiii} ➤ Prevent insurance companies from enacting unjustified price increases^{vi} ➤ In markets where the insurance business is not competitive, make sure that insurers pay a reasonable share of their premiums for patient care as opposed to administrative costs^{vi}
Public Reporting & Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop and institute a standard health form with a common vocabulary that insurance companies must use^{xiv} 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Simplify paperwork for providers^{vi} ➤ Require hospitals and providers to collect and publicly report measures of health care costs and quality^{vi} ➤ Require health plans to disclose percentage of premiums spent on direct patient care^{vi}

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Improving Quality and Performance of Health System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish an independent public-private Best Practices Institute that would finance comparative effectiveness research to determine which drugs, devices, surgeries and treatments work best^{xiv} ➤ Utilize best practices: provide guidance for professionals on what drugs, devices, surgeries and treatments work best^{xiv} ➤ Reduce use of inefficient and ineffective treatments^{xiv} ➤ Provide incentives to encourage doctors to keep up with research advances and prescribe most effective treatments^{xiv} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Create a network of regional health care organizations modeled after the Federal Reserve system to ensure quality of care^{iv} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participating providers in new public plans, National Health Insurance Exchange, Medicare, and FEHBP will be rewarded for achieving performance thresholds on physician-validated outcome measures^{vi} ➤ Require hospitals and providers to collect and report data to ensure standards are being met for quality, health information technology, patient safety, and administration^{vi} ➤ Establish an independent Institute to guide reviews and research about which drugs, devices and procedures are the most effective diagnostic and treatment options for individual patients^{vi}
Health IT** <u>For more information</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Require providers who participate in Federal programs to adopt private, secure, and interoperable health information technology^{xiv} ➤ Invest \$3 billion a year in health IT grants to develop a “paperless” health care system^{xiv} ➤ Provide incentives to health care professionals and plans to adopt privacy-protected health information technologyⁱ ➤ Ensure that e-science initiatives are adequately funded^{xxx} ➤ Invest \$50 million in Federal funding to improve and expand a web-based tool, such as Medicare Compare, to make provider and other information more usable, accurate, and consumer-friendly^{xxii} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Computerize entire health history of every American (using Veterans Administration system as a model)ⁱⁱⁱ ➤ All Americans will have a PIN number that physicians can use to look up their medical historyⁱⁱⁱ ➤ Computerize all billing recordsⁱⁱⁱ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Estimated savings of up to \$77 billion/year from hospital and doctor adoption of electronic health records^{vi} ➤ Invest \$10 billion/year over the next five years towards the broad adoption of standards-based electronic health information system, including electronic health records^{vi} ➤ Adopt standards-based electronic health information systems including electronic health records^{vi} ➤ Phase in requirements for full implementation of health IT and commit the necessary federal resources to make it happen^{vi} ➤ Ensure that these systems are developed in coordination with providers and frontline workers, including those in rural and underserved areas^{vi} ➤ Ensure protection of patients’ privacy^{vi}
Malpractice/ Professional Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pass National Medical Error Disclosure and Compensation (MEDiC) Act: Encourages liability protections for physicians who disclose medical errors to patients and offer to enter into negotiations for fair compensation^{xxiii} 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Promote new models for addressing physician errors that improve patient safety, strengthen the doctor-patient relationship, and reduce malpractice suits^{vi} ➤ Require providers to report preventable medical errors and support hospital and physician practice improvement to prevent future occurrences^{vi}

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Increasing Drug Availability and Reducing Their Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices^{ii, xxiv} ➤ Increase funding for Office of Generic Drugs at the FDA to eliminate backlog of generic drug applicationsⁱⁱ ➤ Give FDA authority to approve safe and effective biogeneric drugs and create pathway for biogeneric drug competitionⁱⁱ ➤ Provide more oversight of drug advertising, marketing excesses and pharmaceutical companies' financial relationships with providersⁱⁱ ➤ Reduce overpayments to private managed care plansⁱⁱ ➤ Constrain prescription drug costs through biogenerics competition, removal of barriers to market access for generics, empowering Medicare to negotiate drug prices, reimportation of drugs, providing higher Medicaid brand rebates and by promoting e-prescribingⁱ 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase competition in prescription drug market^{vi} ➤ Allow Federal government to negotiate prescription drug prices directly with pharmaceutical companies under Medicare prescription drug benefit^{vi} ➤ Allow Americans to buy their medicines from other developed countries if the drugs are safe and prices are lower than in U.S.^{vi} ➤ Ensure that market power does not lead to higher prices for consumers^{vi} ➤ Increase use of generic drugs in the new public plan, Medicare, Medicaid, and FEHBP^{vi} ➤ Prohibit large drug companies from keeping generics out of market^{vi}
Disease Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All insurers who are already participating in a Federal health program (such as Medicare, Medicaid or FEHP) required to cover preventive services as a condition of doing business with the Federal government^{xiv, xxi} ➤ Provide financial incentives such as removing co-payments to increase utilization of preventive careⁱ ➤ Foster public-private collaborations to emphasize prevention in schools, workplaces, and communities through provision of free preventive services^{xiv} ➤ Requires coverage of effective preventive services recommended by the U.S. Prevention Services Task Forceⁱ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ States that the President should provide leadership to promote a healthier culture, energizing people to exercise and eat nutritious foods^{viii} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Emphasizes prevention^{vi} ➤ Provide support for school-based health screening programs and clinical services^{vi} ➤ Increase financial support for physical education, and health educational programs for students^{vi} ➤ Work with schools to establish healthier environments for children, including assistance with contract policy development for local vendors^{vi} ➤ Provide support for school-based health screening programs and clinical services^{vi} ➤ Expand funding – including loan repayment, adequate reimbursement, grants for training curricula, and infrastructure support --to ensure a strong workforce that will champion

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Target prevention by coordinating and pooling public funding^{xxi} ➤ Increase access to effective screening tools with proven effectiveness^{xxi} ➤ Help smokers quit and decrease chances of young people starting smoking^{xxi} ➤ Enable FDA to restrict advertising of tobacco products to children, stop illegal sales, and enact the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act^{xxi} ➤ Increase smoking cessation programs by increasing excise tax on cigarettes^{xxi} ➤ Provide coverage for comprehensive smoking cessation in Medicaid^{xxi} ➤ Supports physical education programs in schools^{xxi} ➤ Increase funding by \$36 million for the Carol White Physical Education Program^{xxi} ➤ Replace unhealthy school food choices with healthy ones by 2012^{xxi} 		<p>prevention and public health activities^{vi}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Require coverage of clinical preventive services (including cancer screenings and smoking cessation programs) in all federally supported health plans, including Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP, and the new public plan^{vi} ➤ Increase funding to expand community based preventive interventions ➤ Supports building healthy environments for Americans, including sidewalks, biking paths and walking trails; local grocery stores with fruits and vegetables; restricted advertising for tobacco and alcohol to children; and wellness and health education campaigns^{vi}
Chronic Disease Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Promote innovative care management programs to help those with chronic diseases^{xxv} ➤ Use chronic care coordination models, including medical “homes,” accessible under Federally-funded programs^{xiv, xxiv} ➤ Provide incentives for both patients and physicians to ensure higher quality and improved coordination of careⁱⁱ 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports disease management programs^{vi} ➤ Encourage team care through medical home type models that will improve coordination and integration of care^{vi} ➤ Require that plans participating in the new public plan, Medicare, or the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) utilize proven disease management programs^{vi} ➤ Reimburse employer health plans for a portion of the catastrophic costs above a threshold if they will guarantee that savings will be used to reduce the cost of workers’ premiums^{vi}
Long Term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pass legislation to provide respite services for caregivers of seniors and disabled Americansⁱⁱ 	No information found	No information found
Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expand mental health care by covering mental health services to the same extent that plans cover physical illnesses^{xxvi} 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports mental health parity^{xxvii}

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Eliminating Health Disparities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Require the development and testing of quality measures for use by doctors, hospitals, nursing homes and other providers to help eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health care^{xxviii} ➤ Direct the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop a uniform reporting format for the collection of quality information on race and ethnicity^{xxviii} ➤ Provides \$50 million in Federal funding for development of culturally and linguistically competent clinical care programs^{xxviii} ➤ Provides opportunities and incentives to encourage greater diversity in healthcare through recruitment initiatives, scholarships, and loan-forgiveness programs^{xxviii} ➤ Fund and train new health prevention outreach workers who can effectively communicate with the country's diverse populations^{xiv} ➤ Prioritize the development of "medical homes" designed to improve quality health care for minority populations^{xxii} 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Address differences in access to health coverage and promote prevention and public health^{vi} ➤ Require hospitals and health plans to collect, analyze, and report health care quality for disparities and across diverse populations^{vi} ➤ Hold hospitals and health plans accountable for any differences found^{vi} ➤ Diversify the workforce to ensure culturally effective care^{vi} ➤ Implement and fund evidence-based interventions, such as patient navigator programs^{vi} ➤ Will tackle the root causes of health disparities by addressing differences in access to health coverage and promoting prevention and public health^{xxix} ➤ Support and expand capacity of safety-net institutions that provide a disproportionate amount of care for underserved populations^{vi}
Health Workforce Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fund schools of nursing to recruit and train faculty^{xxiv} ➤ Provide funding to states that partner with local programs providing credentialing programs for personal or direct care professionals^{xxiv} ➤ Priority funding would go to schools that collaborate with worker training programs to recruit, train, place and provide career pathways across the spectrum of health care settings^{xxiv} ➤ Increase funding for nursing residencies^{xxx} ➤ Provide short-term funding to nursing schools to boost enrollment and establish training and mentoring programs to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide financial aid to new doctors and nurses to pay for education costs^{iv} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expand funding – including loan repayment, adequate reimbursement, grants for training curricula, and infrastructure support to improve working conditions – to ensure a strong public health workforce^{vi}

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	improve retention of nurses over the long-term ^{xxx}		
<p>Research Investments***</p> <p><u>For more information</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Double NIH and NCI funding over 10 years^{xxi} ➤ Increase the basic research budgets by 50% over 10 years at the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Department of Energy's Office of Science, and the Defense Department^{xxxi} ➤ Increase research focus on the physical sciences and engineering^{xxxi} ➤ Boost support for multidisciplinary research in areas such as the intersection of bio, info, and nanotechnologies^{xxxi} ➤ Direct Federal agencies to award prizes in order to accomplish specific innovation goals^{xxxi} ➤ Support initiatives to bring more women and minorities into the math, science, and engineering professions^{xxxi} ➤ Reinvigorate White House Office of Science and Technology Policy^{xxxi} ➤ Lift ban on Federal funding of embryonic stem cell research^{xxxii} ➤ Require that Federal research agencies set aside at least 8% of their research budgets for discretionary funding of high-risk research^{xxxi} ➤ Provide incentives to foster science innovation and recruitment of new scientists^{xxxiii} ➤ Fund a Best Practices Institute that would work as a partnership between the existing Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the private sector to fund research on treatment effectiveness and the dissemination of this information to patients and doctors to increase quality and reduce costs^{xxiv} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports stem cell research^{xxxiv} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports an expansion of Federal funding for embryonic stem cell research^{xxxv} ➤ Increase funding for the NIH, NCI, and other medical research^{xxxvi} ➤ Supports doubling Federal funding of basic research over the next five years^{xxxvii} ➤ Invest \$42 billion more in university-based R&D^{xxxvii} ➤ Invest in future innovators by training 100,000 more engineers and scientists over the next four years ➤ Provide new research grants to the most outstanding young scientists in the country^{xxxvii} ➤ Establish an independent institute for comparative effectiveness research to determine which drugs, devices and procedures are the best diagnostic and treatment options for patients^{vi} ➤ Increase research into new vaccines^{xxxviii}

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Special Disease Initiative: Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Double NIH and NCI funding over 10 years^{xxi} ➤ Invest in research aimed at identifying molecular and genetic combinations that increase risk for certain types of cancer^{xxi} ➤ Expand Cancer Centers program^{25, xxi} ➤ Increase by 5 times the number of participants in cancer clinical trials and expand access to experimental cancer therapies at NCI Centers^{xxi} ➤ Preserve Medicare coverage of clinical trials^{xxi} ➤ Require insurers to cover mammograms, PSAs and colorectal screenings^{xxxix} ➤ Broaden investment in prevention, detection, and treatment through healthcare research^{xxxi} ➤ Promote a national education campaign about effective screening methods (e.g. mammograms, colorectal screenings, and HPV tests)^{xxi} ➤ Require group and individual health plans to cover colorectal cancer screenings^{xxi} ➤ Fully fund the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program^{xxi} ➤ Provide \$50 million for comprehensive care and communication models for patients in underserved areas or enrolled in Medicaid that describe the care they will receive in clear, concise language^{xxi} ➤ Conduct an epidemiologic study tracking cancer survivors to increase knowledge about long-term effects of treatment impacts^{xxi} ➤ Dedicate 10% of funding for this survivorship study to analyze cancer's long term effects on adolescents and young adults^{xxi} ➤ Provide \$25 million to community-based organizations groups to fund cancer 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wage a war on cancer with increased resources^{xxxvi} ➤ Expand the funding and scope of breast cancer research programs in the Federal government including the Department of Defense Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program^{xxxvi} ➤ Enact the Breast Cancer Environmental Research Act^{xxxvi} ➤ Support and expand the Medicaid Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program^{xxxvi}

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	<p>survivor support groups^{xxi}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improve quality of care for Americans with cancer^{xxi} ➤ Invest \$25 million to develop patient friendly decision tools to help inform patients about the disease^{xxi} ➤ Fully fund the Department of Defense Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program^{xl} ➤ Enact the Breast Cancer Environmental Research Act^{xl} 		
<p>Special Disease Initiative: HIV/AIDS****</p> <p><u>For more information</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Issued her own HIV/AIDS policy on November 27, 2007 to develop and implement a comprehensive national and global HIV/AIDS strategy that includes increased investments for research, prevention and education, as well as access to treatment and other services with measurable goals, targets and timelines^{xli} ➤ Will bring together Federal agencies, state and local governments, community-based organization, providers, academic experts, and Americans living with HIV to devise a plan to better coordinate the overall response to the epidemic in the U.S.^{xli} ➤ Signed 08stopaids.org “Presidential Pledge for Leadership on Global AIDS”^{xxlii} ➤ Committed to providing at least \$50 billion by 2013 to combat HIV/AIDS globally^{xli} ➤ Double HIV/AIDS research budget at NIH to \$5.2 billion annually, including the U.S. contribution towards finding a vaccine^{xli} ➤ Supports the Microbicide Development Act, which creates an office within the NIH dedicated to the discovery and development of anti-HIV topical agents to prevent sexual transmission of HIV^{xliii} ➤ Supports increasing Federal appropriations for science-based HIV prevention programs to at least \$1 billion annually^{xliv} 	<p>No information found</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Released his own HIV/AIDS plan to combat national and global HIV/AIDS^{xxix} ➤ During first year of his Presidency will develop and implement a national HIV/AIDS strategy that includes all Federal agencies^{xxix} ➤ Signed 08stopaids.org “Presidential Pledge for Leadership on Global AIDS”^{xxlii} ➤ Expand funding for AIDS research, especially for prevention options including a vaccine and microbicides^{xxix} ➤ Ensure that at least 4.5 million people are on ARV treatment for AIDS by 2013^{xxviii} ➤ Supports the Microbicide Development Act, which creates an office within the NIH dedicated to the discovery and development of anti-HIV topical agents to prevent sexual transmission of HIV^{xliv} ➤ Supports increasing Federal appropriations for science-based HIV prevention programs to no less than \$1 billion annually^{xliv} ➤ Supports comprehensive sex education that is age-appropriate^{xxix} ➤ Supports legislation to lift the ban on Federal funding for needle exchange^{xxix} ➤ Supports increased funding for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and other pertinent Federal housing program^{xxix} ➤ Pledges to protect the Ryan White Care Act and its multifaceted services^{xxix}

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports culturally competent prevention efforts targeted to vulnerable populations^{xli} ➤ Supports the Early Treatment for HIV Act which will expand Medicaid to cover HIV+ individuals before they reach later stages of disability and AIDS^{xliv} ➤ Increase funding for the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) programs^{xli} ➤ Increase Ryan White Care Act (RWCA) funding, especially in underserved areas, and increase flexibility of funding used for support services such as nutrition assistance and case management^{xli} ➤ Under the American Health Choices Plan, individuals with HIV/AIDS will have access to chronic care management^{xli} ➤ Increase funding for the Minority AIDS Initiative and support prevention and treatment efforts of minority-run community based organizations^{xli} ➤ Develop a comprehensive plan to identify and address factors, such as gender-based violence, which are linked with women's increased vulnerability to HIV^{xli} ➤ Ensure that children's needs are incorporated into strategies for fighting AIDS globally, including plans for the care and treatment of orphans and other vulnerable children^{xli} ➤ Lift ban on federal financing for needle exchange programs^{xli} ➤ Supports the repeal of the ban against people who are HIV+ entering the U.S. as travelers or immigrants and barring those in the U.S. who are HIV+ from legalizing their immigration status^{xliv} 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bring Medicaid coverage to low income, HIV+ Americans through Early Treatment for HIV Act^{xxix} ➤ Supports JUSTICE Act to help prevent transmission of HIV among incarcerated populations^{xxix} ➤ Reauthorize PEPFAR when it expires in 2008 and rewrite much of the bill to ensure that best practices drive funding for HIV/AIDS programs^{xxix} ➤ By 2012 will increase PEPFAR by providing at least \$1 billion a year in new money to expand the program to Southeast Asia, India, and Eastern Europe^{xxix} ➤ Will dedicate as much funding to HIV/AIDS as possible (without cutting into other critical foreign assistance programs) to ensure a comprehensive fight against this global pandemic^{xxix} ➤ Ensure that poor countries are able to develop the health care infrastructure necessary to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS, promote basic health care, reduce the spread of malaria and TB, and prevent and contain other possible pandemics^{xxix} ➤ Supports the rights of sovereign nations to access quality-assured, low-cost generic medication to meet their public health needs^{xxix} ➤ Supports the repeal of the ban against people who are HIV+ entering the U.S. as travelers or immigrants and barring those in the U.S. who are HIV+ from legalizing their immigration status^{xliv}
Special Disease Initiative: Autism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide \$700 million to address autism^{xlvi} ➤ Increase funding for research, surveillance, education, and early identification^{xlvi} 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support Americans with Autism^{xxvii} ➤ Increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act^{xxvii}

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expand research to identify causes of autism and monitoring in the U.S.^{xlvi} ➤ Establish an Autism Task Force charged with investigating evidence-based treatments, interventions, and services^{xlvi} ➤ Provide planning and demonstration grants for adult services^{xlvi} ➤ Improve access to post-diagnosis care^{xlvi} ➤ Provide teacher training^{xlvi} ➤ Create a National Technical Assistance Center on Autism^{xlvi} ➤ Fully fund the Combating Autism Act^{xlvi} 		
Public Health Preparedness Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expand the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) biomonitoring work^{xxi} ➤ Develop a response system for addressing public health threats^{xxi} ➤ Establish nationwide tracking network to help identify linkage between cancer and chronic diseases and environmental factors^{xxi} 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Governments at all levels should lead the effort to develop a national and regional strategy for public health and align funding mechanisms to support implementation^{vi} ➤ Optimize organization of the existing 3000 health departments in the nation^{vi} ➤ Support collaborative arrangements between all levels of government and in private sector partners, establish performance and accountability indicators, integrated and interoperable communication networks, and disaster preparedness and response programs^{vi} ➤ Examine agricultural, educational, environmental and health policies to assess their effects on public health^{vi} ➤ Modernize public health infrastructure, particularly public health laboratories^{vi}
Global Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish the U.S. as a leader in mobilizing the global community to meet the Millennium Development Goal of reversing the spread of HIV and other diseases by 2015^{xi} ➤ Increase U.S. commitment to The Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria^{xi} ➤ Invest in building the health infrastructure of developing countries, including an increase in the number of health workers in Africa by at least 1 million over a decade, 	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase and lift the 33% cap on U.S. contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria^{xxix,xxxviii} ➤ Proposes to establish a \$2 billion global education fund^{xlviii} ➤ Double U.S. foreign assistance to \$50 billion per year to meet the Millennium Development Goals, including halving the number of people who die of TB and/or are affected by malaria^{xxix} ➤ Double funding for the President's Malaria

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<p>and ensure access to medications for all^{xi}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commit \$1 billion annually to lead a global effort against malaria and to achieve universal access to treatment and preventive measures^{xlvii} ➤ Work to stop all deaths from malaria in Africa by 2016^{xlvii} ➤ Increase flexibility and improve accountability in use of funds^{xi} ➤ Work with both donors and recipient governments to ensure that U.S. investments are as effective as possible^{xi} ➤ Work with developing countries to meet the Millennium Development Goal of halving the number of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and sanitation^{xlvii} ➤ Investing in nutrition, vaccines, and other public health measures to save the millions of children's lives globally and to achieve the Millennium Development Goal of reducing child mortality and improving maternal health globally^{xlvii} ➤ Enact the Education for All Act, which would provide \$10 billion over 5 years to developing countries to promote basic education^{xlvii} 		<p>Initiative^{xxxviii}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expand access to mosquito nets to prevent malaria^{xxxviii} ➤ Expand access to ACTs to treat people with malaria^{xxxviii} ➤ Target new funding toward strategic development goals, including helping developing nations build healthy and educated communities, reduce poverty, develop markets, and generate wealth^{xxix} ➤ Improve coordination of trade and development policies to use America's economic power to help developing nations benefit from the global trading system^{xxxix} ➤ Expand access to clean water and sanitation through increased funding of up to \$1.3 billion annually and support innovative programs like 'play pumps'^{xxxviii} ➤ Increase funding for child and maternal health and survival programs^{xxxviii} ➤ Expand access to vaccinations^{xxxviii} ➤ Expand access to reproductive health programs^{xxxviii} ➤ Invest at least \$2 billion in a Global Education Fund^{xxxviii}

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