

## Seven Reasons Abortion Is in the Health Care Overhaul

**1. The House bill specifically includes it.** The Capps amendment explicitly allows abortion coverage in the public health plan and subsidizes health plans that cover abortion. ([Passed 30-28 in the House Energy and Commerce Committee, July 30](#))

**2. Senate Democrats admit it.** “[The health care bill] would include, uh, it would include, uh, Planned, uh, Parenthood clinics.” ([Sen. Barbara Mikulski, July 9, Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee meeting](#)—*Planned Parenthood is the No. 1 U.S. abortion chain.*)

**3. Senate Democrats refused to ban it.** [Sen. Orrin Hatch \(R-Utah\)](#): “Madam Chairman, would you be willing to put some language in [about] not including abortion services? Then I think you would have more support.” [Sen. Barbara Mikulski \(D-Md.\)](#): “...No, I would not, uh, be willing to do that at this time.” ([July 9, Senate HELP Committee](#))

**4. House Democrats promote it.** “... [A]bortion will be covered as a benefit by one or more of the health care plans available to Americans, and I think it should be.” ([House Representative Zoe Lofgren \(D-Calif.\)](#), [August 12, San Jose, California Townhall meeting](#))

**5. The mainstream media confirms it.** “Government insurance would allow coverage for abortion,” [Associated Press, August 5, 2009](#).

“[H]is assertion that 'no federal dollars will be used to fund abortions' is not so clear-cut . . . Existing restrictions on the use of federal money for abortion would remain in place, as Mr. Obama stated. But in practice, the public and private money would all go into the same pot, and the source of money for any single procedure is largely a technicality.” [New York Times September 10, 2009](#)

**6. The Obama administration includes it in its definition of reproductive health care.** “Reproductive health care includes access to abortion.” ([Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, April 22, House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing](#))

**7. Every amendment to exclude it from health care legislation was defeated by the liberal sponsors.** The following is a list of pro-life amendments that would have prevented abortion funding or prohibited abortion mandates for covered services.

- Rep. Sam Johnson Amendment in the Ways and Means Committee (July 16)
- Rep. Eric Cantor Amendment in the Ways and Means Committee (July 16)
- Rep. Mark Souder Amendment in the Education and Labor Committee (July 17)
- Rep. Joe Pitts Amendment in the Energy and Commerce Committee (July 30)
- Reps. Bart Stupak and Pitts Amendment in Energy and Commerce Comm. (July 31)
- Sen. Orrin Hatch Amendment #227 in the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee (July 13)
- Sen. Mike Enzi Amendment #277 in the HELP Committee (July 13)

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