

Congressman TIM MURPHY
A Healthcare Discussion & Survey
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Photo Below: Congressman Murphy tours the DaVita Dialysis Clinic, where he discusses his healthcare reform proposals to save lives and reduce cost.



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Photo Above: Rep. Murphy examines Canonsburg Hospital's new Life Flight Helicopter, to see firsthand how the hospital is utilizing new equipment to meet patient safety goals.

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Important Survey on Pending Healthcare Legislation

- Do you have health insurance/coverage?**
 Yes No
- If you have coverage, what type is it?**
 Employer-provided Self-purchased
 Medicaid/Medicare Other: _____
- How do you rate the quality of your personal healthcare coverage?**
 Excellent Good Other: _____
 Fair Poor
- Over the last 5 years, how have your healthcare costs changed?**
 Increased Decreased No change
- Do you believe America's current healthcare system is broken?**
 Yes No Unsure
- What priority should Congress and the President give to healthcare reform?**
 Highest priority Low priority
 Medium priority Unsure
- Do you favor a healthcare system that is run by the private sector or the government?**
 Private sector Government
 Combination Unsure
- Would you be willing to pay higher taxes to guarantee health insurance for all Americans?**
 Yes No Unsure
- Do you think a private-sector healthcare system can be improved to provide coverage to more Americans at a lower cost than a nationalized plan?**
 Yes No Unsure
- What is your main concern with your current health insurance coverage or plan?**
 That it is tied to your employer—lack of "portability"
 Lack of billing transparency—explanation of benefits is too confusing
 Too many restrictions on treatments or doctors that you can visit – rationing care
 Out-of-pocket costs are too high
 Other: _____
- Should the government require that every American have health insurance?**
 Yes No Unsure
- Should the government require that all health insurance companies provide a "Basic Plan" option (covering at least one primary care visit per year, emergencies, hospitalization, etc.) so families could shop around for the best price?**
 Yes No Unsure
- Should the government create and manage a public health insurance plan that would compete for business alongside private insurance plans?**
 Yes No Unsure
- Should people on Medicaid have the option of purchasing private health insurance with a voucher to shop around for the best coverage, rather than have only the option of government insurance?**
 Yes No Unsure
- Should the government offer tax credits to individuals to help offset the cost of health insurance?**
 Yes No Unsure
- Should the government allow individuals to purchase health insurance from any state and shop nationally for the best price? (Currently, you can only purchase health insurance in the state you live in)**
 Yes No Unsure
- Should the government mandate that private insurance companies cannot turn away patients with pre-existing conditions?**
 Yes No Unsure

Please complete the other side.
THANK YOU.

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Any government assistance will require taxpayer funds to cover the cost. Which of the following proposals would you support to pay for healthcare reforms, and for the government to cover the uninsured?

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| <p>1. New national sales tax (on top of state and local sales taxes)
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>2. Higher payroll taxes on employers and employees
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>3. Higher taxes for married couples
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>4. Tax your mortgage payments
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>5. Raise cell phone taxes
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>6. A sin tax on "unhealthy" sugary drinks like soda
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>7. A sin tax on beer and other alcoholic beverages
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>8. Tax your charitable donations
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>9. Raise the income tax
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>10. Tax on employers for not providing health benefits
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>11. Tax on individual's personal health insurance to help pay for those who don't have coverage
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> | <p>12. Tax on individuals who don't pay for their own health insurance
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>13. Tax on your healthcare expenses
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>14. Tax on savings for future healthcare needs (currently tax-free Health Savings Accounts)
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>15. Taxes on prescription drugs
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>16. Raise taxes on U.S. oil refineries—a hidden gas tax
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>17. More taxes on power companies, which will raise home electric rates
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>18. Raise taxes on U.S. companies doing business overseas
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>19. Raise taxes on dividend income (this includes dividend retirement income)
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>20. Raise capital gains taxes
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>21. Tax your family assets on death
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> |
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Dear Friend,

Over the years healthcare spending in the U.S. has grown faster than the rate of inflation and now exceeds \$2.4 trillion annually.

After years of Congress placing healthcare reform on a back burner, this issue has finally become a priority. Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle are now offering ideas to make healthcare more affordable and accessible. But like any reform, there are points of both agreement and disagreement on just how these reforms should be achieved and how we should pay for them.

While some look to government to run a public healthcare insurance program, others are concerned it would become as inefficient and difficult to change as Medicare or Medicaid, which require an act of Congress to modify. In the last session of Congress, for example, some 452 bills were offered by members of Congress to push for these changes, yet only 12 became law—not a great track record in reforming government healthcare plans! Yet the issue remains: How do we help millions of Americans who have no health insurance?

I write to you today seeking your feedback as Congress moves forward.

As you know from my newsletters to you over the past years, I have dedicated much of my legislative work on reforms to improve care, save lives, and root out the massive waste in the system.

Many "reforms" under consideration are changes to how your healthcare is delivered and how your healthcare is paid for. Several tax increases are proposed to fund these changes. Ideas offered include:

- Expansion of Medicare and/or Medicaid to cover all Americans
- Create a government insurance program to cover all uninsured
- Allow individuals and businesses more options in purchasing healthcare around the country (rather than from a few local monopolies)
- Require everyone to have healthcare insurance (just like the requirement to own auto insurance)
- Require all insurance companies to offer at least one similar basic, low-cost health insurance plan that can compete against others for quality and price

While we tackle these issues, I need your comments and input more than ever. What are your thoughts on healthcare reform? Please take a moment to fill out and mail to me the attached SURVEY. I will compile the results and share them with you if you wish.

I remain committed to improving healthcare quality, reducing costs, improving patient safety, stopping waste and abuse, and putting the doctor back in charge of your healthcare. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,