

PURPOSE OF HEALTH INSURANCE

Obama Discusses Health Care Reform Plan, 5/29/2007

"Everyone will be able to buy into a new health insurance plan that's similar to the one that every federal employee - from a postal worker in Iowa to a congressman in Washington - currently has for themselves. It will cover all essential medical services, including preventative, maternity, disease management and mental health care and will also include high standards for quality and efficiency."

Presidential Candidate Forum: John McCain, 10/31/2007

"Ronald Reagan, who I love to quote all the time, once said "Nobody ever washed a rental car." And I think that this applies here. If you're getting it for free then obviously your sense of responsibility is very different than if it's something that you can go out and choose your health insurance policy or if you have additional funds then you can invest it in health savings accounts, which a lot of us have been disappointed in the level of participation in health savings accounts. But I still think that they are a great idea and this may provide added stimulus for someone to invest that refundable tax credit in it."