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White House Admits: You May Lose the Health Care You Have

Washington, D.C. – After months of claiming that Americans who like the care they have could keep it under the Democrats’ health care reform proposals, the President today admitted that some people would lose their health insurance and be forced onto a government-run plan.

“President Obama needs to be clear – will health reform efforts this year lead to Americans losing their health insurance? We need to understand whether the President will support proposals like the Kennedy bill that will cause employers to drop health insurance coverage for 10 million Americans,” said Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee.

In his speech to the American Medical Association on June 15, President Obama said, “No matter how we reform health care, we will keep this promise to the American people. If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor, period. If you like your health care plan, you’ll be able to keep your health care plan, period. No one will take it away, no matter what.”

Today, however, the President conceded what Enzi has said all along, and the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has confirmed – the Democrats’ health care proposals would cause some Americans to lose their current insurance and force them onto a government-run plan.

“When I say if you have your plan and you like it ... that you don’t have to change plans, what I’m saying is the government is not going to make you change plans under health reform,” the President said today.

The CBO projects that the Kennedy bill would force 10 million Americans to lose their employer-based health insurance.

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