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More rules, more costs, but less health insurance

Washington, D.C. – The health care bill approved today by the Senate Finance Committee will drive up health care costs for millions of Americans and leave families with few affordable health insurance options, said U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), who voted against the bill.

“There’s little in this bill for middle class Americans. The people asked us to bring down their costs, but this bill would drive their costs up. The people asked for more options so they can get the care they need, but in this bill Washington takes away their choices and decides for them. This is the wrong kind of reform,” Enzi said.

“The Finance bill spends too much and does too little to bring down health care costs. People will have less insurance. Promises are not met. We need health care reform, but it has to be done the right way. We have to bring down costs so that everyone can have access to the quality, affordable care they need.”

What a health care bill should do:

- **Reduce health care costs** so that all Americans can get the quality, affordable care they need;
- **End discrimination based on pre-existing conditions, contain catastrophic care for everyone** and protect every American’s access to health care coverage;
- **Preserve the rights of patients** to choose the doctors and health insurance plans that meet their needs;
- **Eliminate junk lawsuits** and reform our medical liability system, reducing health care costs for all Americans and improving patient safety;
- **Encourage incentives for healthy behaviors** by allowing insurers to charge lower premiums to people who eat healthy, exercise regularly and abstain from tobacco;
- **Protect Medicare for seniors** by ensuring that any savings found in Medicare, a program that is going broke, are used to strengthen that program, not to create new entitlements; and,
- **Help all Americans afford health care coverage** by fixing the flawed tax code so that all Americans can get tax benefits for purchasing health insurance.

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