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Ensure Access to OB/GYN Care

Healthy Mothers & Healthy Babies Access to Care Act (Sponsor: Santorum, S. 23)

Frivolous lawsuits have driven up medical liability insurance premiums, restricting and in some cases destroying patients' access to quality health care. This crisis has led many physicians to severely restrict the scope of their practices. This bill would institute a cap on non-economic damages that will not in any way limit the amount of economic damages that can be awarded in a lawsuit, meaning patients who will have been medically impacted by negligence would not be forced to assume the costs of their medical care.

Expand Health Care Coverage to More Americans

Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act (Sponsor: Enzi, S. 1955)

The Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act allows small business associations to pool their members across state lines to leverage their combined purchasing power and negotiate more affordable insurance options.





The Healthcare Tax Relief for the Uninsured Act of 2005 (Sponsor: Santorum, S. 978)

All Americans should have access to quality and affordable health care. This legislation makes health insurance more affordable by creating refundable tax credits that can be used to purchase traditional insurance or Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), addressing a long-standing barrier to affordable health insurance by eliminating the unfair tax bias against individuals who purchase their own healthcare coverage. Additionally, this healthcare tax legislation will provide a tax credit to small businesses who contribute money to an employee's HSA, and an above the line deduction for high-deductible health plans.

Increase Contribution Limit to Health Savings Accounts (Sponsor: Allen, S. 2424)

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow participants in high deductible health care insurance plans an increased tax deduction for contributions to a health savings account.

Protect Access to Medical Care

Medical Care Access Protection Act of 2006 (Sponsor: Ensign, S. 22)

This legislation improves patient access to health care services, ensures timely resolution of claims, provides fair and just compensation for patient injury, promotes fairness in recovering health benefits and provides medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.





Support Community Health Centers

Community Health Center Volunteer Physician Protection (Sponsor: Santorum, S. 1058)

Community Health Centers provide access to essential health care services for millions of patients; many of our nation's doctors want to volunteer their time and skills to support these centers, yet, physicians are often dissuaded from volunteering due to the high cost of medical liability insurance. Currently, only paid physicians at Community Health Centers are protected. As a result, there are too few volunteer physicians to meet the community's health care needs. This legislation would ensure that volunteer physicians at community health centers receive medical liability protections so they may continue to efficiently offer primary and preventative health care services to everyone, including low-income and uninsured families.