Presidential Candidates’ Health Reform Plans

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U.S Health System

- National Health Expenditures
  - $2.1 Trillion; 16% of GDP (2006)
- Public Insurance
  - Medicaid
  - Medicare
  - SCHIP
- Employer–Sponsored Insurance
  - USA 45,657,000 Uninsured; 15.3% (2007)
  - Hawaii 96,000 Uninsured; 7.5% (2007)
U.S. Health Policy Goals

- Increased Efficiency
  - Lower Expenditures
  - Improved Health Outcomes
  - Higher Productivity

- Reduction in the number of Uninsured
Reform Proposals

**Obama**
- Expand Medicaid
- Expand SCHIP
- Child Mandate
- Young Adults treated as Dependents
- Employers Play-or-Pay
- Government Sponsored Market Clearinghouse with Subsidies
- Government Subsidies for IT to Increase Efficiency & Control Costs

**McCain**
- Repeal the Tax-Exemption for Employer-Sponsored Insurance
- Replace it with Fully Refundable Tax-Credits
- Enhanced Non-Group Market
- Health Savings Accounts
- Market Oriented Individual Choice
- Pay-for-Performance