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### New Report Confirms Dems' Government Takeover of Health Care Will Hit Americans With New Taxes, More Expensive Health Care

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A study published today by Cato Institute scholar Michael F. Cannon, "[All the President's Mandates](#)," confirms what House Republicans have been saying for months: that Democrats' health care bills - whether in the House or Senate - envision giant new taxes on all Americans to pay for their [government takeover](#) of health care. Cannon's study focuses on how the "individual mandate" would raise the cost of health insurance - and would result in higher taxes to boot.

Cannon writes:

[M]aking health insurance compulsory would give government sweeping new powers to regulate health insurance, and, by extension, all of medicine...those powers would increase costs and reduce choice by eliminating low-cost health plans-forcing nearly 100 million Americans to switch to a more expensive plan. For example, the various bills before Congress could force many or all of the 8 million Americans with health savings account coverage to switch to another plan.

Instead of putting doctors and patients first, the Democrats' bills would put bureaucrats in charge - enabling them to raise costs and ration care. As Cannon notes:

The House legislation would empower unelected bureaucrats to add to the mandatory level of coverage. Simply by adjusting the definition of

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