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By fitsnews • on April 6, 2011

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Two of the nation's largest mainstream media outlets have collected hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxpayer-funded subsidies from "Obamacare," according to an [exclusive report](#) published on Wednesday by *The Daily Caller*.

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The money comes from the so-called "Early Retiree Reinsurance Program," or ERRP, which critics contend is nothing but a \$5 billion "Obamacare" slush fund. Indeed, the administration of President **Barack Obama** has been selectively doling out money from this fund to select corporations and labor unions ever since "Obamacare" was [signed into law](#) a year ago.

Among the recipients of its largesse? *The Washington Post* and CBS Corporation.

The stated purpose of the ERRP is to entice companies to continue providing health care for their retirees. Under the plan, select employers are being reimbursed for up to 80 percent of the cost of medical claims between \$15,000 and \$90,000.

The fund covering these reimbursements was supposed to last through 2014, but it's already blown through \$2 billion – meaning it will likely run out of money in 2012, two years ahead of schedule.

Additionally, the Obama administration has failed to explain the criteria it is using for disbursing these funds.

According to the *Daily Caller* report, CBS Corporation has netted \$722,388 from the fund. Meanwhile, *The Washington Post* has received \$573,217 worth of the taxpayer-funded subsidies.

Making matters worse for both the *Post* and CBS? Neither news outlet is covering the controversial fund.

According to a story on *Hot Air*, searches of both *The Washington Post* and CBS websites revealed that neither outlet has published a single news story related to the fund's problems.

"It looks like the Post and CBS aren't interested in covering the fact that ERRP was grossly

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CBS Anchor Katie Couric

underfunded and wound up failing to protect existing coverage," the website notes.

Earlier this year the U.S. House **repealed Obamacare**. Also, a federal judge has **ruled Obamacare unconstitutional** in its entirety.

We have consistently opposed Obamacare – long before we learned it was subsidizing benefits for mainstream media outlets with out tax dollars.

We hate this law's infringements on individual liberty, but the bottom line is that America simply can't afford its **exorbitant costs** or the **new burdens** it would place on the private sector.

Not only that, states simply cannot afford to continue subsidizing

government-run health care. In addition to its unconstitutional mandates estimated \$2.5 trillion price tag, a **recent report** issued by The Cato Institute found that Obamacare will result in massive new Medicaid expenses for cash-strapped states.

After Obama signed his socialized monstrosity into law, Democrats vowed to undertake a massive educational and public relations campaign aimed at selling the American public on the benefits of the legislation. That didn't happen ... and health care data that's been released over the past year hasn't helped their cause (*click [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#) for a few examples of that*).

Of course it's easy to "sell the public" on a plan when you're paying off the press, isn't it?

Other beneficiaries of the Obamacare slush fund include the United Auto Workers' union (\$206.7 million), AT&T (\$140 million), Verizon (\$91.7 million), General Electric (\$36.6 million), General Motors (\$19 million) and the Teamsters (\$6 million).

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Straight Chicago bribe.....who did this surprise.....the result will be many other entities coming forward and saying what about us.

Crack cocaine is the metaphor here and Barry knows he is the dealer in chief.

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By Brian Stroup April 6, 2011 at 4:27 pm

Hmmm. So when the GOP gives taxpayer dollars to big business, it's called a tax cut. When the Obama administration does it, it's called a bribe. Funny how the meanings of words can change so conveniently.



By Lynn April 6, 2011 at 4:29 pm

SC State Retirement is also benefiting from these funds to subsidize the "costs" of early state retirees. The point is?



By eggaday April 6, 2011 at 6:22 pm

Obamacare decreased the cost of one of my prescriptions from over \$1500.00 a month (90 tablets) to around \$851.00 a month. What is NOT to like?

POINT: Under Republican rule, don't get sick, just like Alan Grayson said. Republicans say spend all your money on one month's prescription and then die.



By Rapture April 6, 2011 at 6:44 pm

Katie needs to watch out.....Nikki likes toned legs.



By Print up da money April 6, 2011 at 7:02 pm

The trouble with FITSNEWS is that they fail to see all the people that are going to be helped by this bill.

Sure, the US gov't is spending way more than it takes in to help people and companies(not wanting exemptions of course-unless they aren't connected and can't get them)-but you fail to see that through the printing of money we can afford to do everything for everyone.

You'll see; everything is going to work out just fine.



By leo April 6, 2011 at 8:22 pm

To date, over 1 million + waivers have been granted to Obamacare.

The qualifications for receiving a waiver remain murky, as repeated FOI requests to shine light on the process have been shelved by the Team Obama.

Not surprising, a majority of the prezident's largest financial contributors and proponents of the so-called Obamacare bill, all received waivers.

Whaddya expect from the most ethical prezident evah?



By leo April 6, 2011 at 8:30 pm

I want a waiver.

How much must I donate to the DNC legally and whom must I bribe illegally?

Michelle? Dick Durbin? Dingy Harry? Rhammie? Cass Sunstein?

Marked or unmarked bills?



By reggiejee April 6, 2011 at 9:11 pm

Yo Leo—Obama did a lot of smack and probably sold some,too.

Maybe your best bet is to score some high-grade Charlie-Sheen style Colombian smack and have it delivered to the DNC convention in N.C.

Waiver, guaranteed, man!



By Hamilton Brinks April 6, 2011 at 9:18 pm

Eggaday—just think what you could have paid for your prescriptions if you lived in Mexico or Canada...probably no more that \$30/month...When selling Obamacare to the masses, Obama promised that we would pay for our meds what our neighbors pay...

However, once behind closed doors, deals were cut and the price of brand name prescriptions remained intact, whilst older, generic products continue to retain their \$4/month value at Wally World.

Maybe President Trump will do a better job at lowering the cost of brand name prescription drugs so that prices are comparable to those in Canada and Mexico.



By celebs4truth.com April 7, 2011 at 1:23 am

This is no surprise! Fascist practices have been a mainstay in government for decades! This really is business as usual...as is the sheeple's typical total obliviousness to the situation, as we fall further and further under New World Order control as a nation. Sleep tight!



By Just Another Joe April 7, 2011 at 5:09 am

@Hamilton, my \$4 prescriptions at Wally World have been free since the start of this year.

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