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Baucus health care bill: would it cut federal deficit?

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Cato Institute scholars claim the [Congressional Budget Office's analysis](#) is skewed:

Writes Michael Cannon:

Sen. Max Baucus's (D-MT) health care overhaul would cost more than \$2 trillion. It would expand the deficit. But he has carefully and methodically hidden those facts – so well that he has completely hoodwinked nearly all the major media.

For details, see his post: [Baucus Bill Would Cost More than \\$2 Trillion](#).

Michael Tanner writes:

The CBO provides 10- year projections of a bill's cost. But most provisions of the health bill don't take effect until 2014. So the "10-year" cost projection only includes six years of the bill.

For details, see his article, [How Congress Is Cooking the Books](#), and listen to his podcast:



In any case, even if Baucus's policy proposals reduced the deficit, the policies would be a bad idea: they'd increase insurance premiums and violate our rights to purchase medical care and insurance according to our own best judgment.

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