Why the District of Columbia Needs Health Reform: By the Numbers

Our broken health care system forces families and businesses to struggle with skyrocketing costs and puts millions of Americans at risk of losing the insurance they have now. Here is how our broken health care system affects people in the District of Columbia.

- 40 residents of the District of Columbia are losing health insurance every day, and 14,000 Americans nationwide lose insurance daily.

- Our broken health insurance system will cost the District of Columbia economy as much as $430 million this year in productivity losses due to the uninsured—and up to $248 billion nationally.

- In the District of Columbia there has been a 15 percent increase in the uninsured rate since 2007.

- 90,000 are uninsured today in the District of Columbia.

- The average family premium will rise from $14,168 to $24,177 by 2019 in the District of Columbia without health care reform.

- In the District of Columbia, without health care reform, 8,910 will have lost coverage from January 2008 to December 2010.

- In the District of Columbia, 30,000 people would gain coverage as a result of the House health care reform bill by 2013, and 48,000 would gain coverage by 2019.

- A typical the District of Columbia family will pay $24,177 for health coverage in 2019 without health care reform.

Additional national statistics

- 128,000 small business jobs and $84 billion per year can be saved with health reform.
- At least 62.1 percent of bankruptcies in 2007 were medical bankruptcies.
- The typical household will pay $15,000 for health care this year—and they'll pay $18,000 next year.
- The typical household will be paying $36,000 for health care by 2020.
- We can save $600 billion by modernizing our health care system.
- Twenty-five million Americans are underinsured, meaning that out-of-pocket health care costs absorbed 10 percent or more of a family's income or 5 percent of an adult's income.
- Almost 52 million Americans are uninsured.
- Approximately 87 million people—one in three Americans—went without health insurance for some period during 2007 and 2008.