



Fact Sheet

Health Care

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In March 2010, the President signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as the "Health Care Reform Bill." The bill has a number of new, costly provisions, most of which will take effect in 2014.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has estimated this bill will cost \$940 billion. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission estimates the bill will double the number of Medicaid recipients in Texas. The burden this bill will place on Texas taxpayers could be as much as \$26 billion over the next ten years.

The new law will increase premiums for businesses, invoke penalties for employers, decrease Medicare benefits, and lower the current quality of health care in the United States.

It will also have a significant impact on TSCRA's Insurance Company which provides insurance to many ranchers in Texas and Oklahoma.

Immediately after the bill was signed into law, the Texas Attorney General, along with twelve other state attorney generals, filed a legal action challenging the constitutionality of the law.

What is TSCRA doing?

TSCRA recognizes the need for health care reform. Increased health care costs impact ranchers and TSCRA Insurance Services, Inc. customers. However, TSCRA strongly opposes federally controlled health care.

Federally controlled health care will have a devastating effect on Texas ranchers by eliminating the ability to choose quality health care for their families and employees and impose new costly government mandates.

TSCRA supports a free enterprise, free market system. Federally controlled and mandated health care restricts, not enhances, a free market system.

TSCRA remains strongly opposed to the current health care law, and will continue to support the state's efforts to defend Texans from the law, and support amendments to the federal law which will support and enhance a free market system.

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