

# HEALTH CARE

## STATE LEGISLATORS SHOULD:

- Encourage governors and attorneys general to join the lawsuits that seek to overturn ObamaCare’s individual mandate and Medicaid mandate;
- Avoid creating new bureaucracies, applying for federal grants, or expanding state spending in response to ObamaCare;
- Educate the public about the harmful effects of ObamaCare;
- Demand that the federal government grant states flexibility, *not* additional funds, to administer Medicaid and SCHIP programs;
- Eliminate licensing of medical professionals or, as a preliminary step, recognize licenses issued by other states;
- Eliminate licensing of health insurance or, as a preliminary step, recognize insurance products licensed by other states;
- Eliminate “corporate-practice-of-medicine” laws;
- Eliminate “certificate-of-need” laws;
- Enforce private contracts that include medical malpractice reforms;
- Avoid creating special tax breaks for health insurance and medical care; and
- Eliminate existing tax breaks for health insurance and medical care while reducing the overall tax burden.

## CATO RESOURCES:

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- [“Bad Medicine: A Guide to the Real Costs and Consequences of the New Health Care Law,”](#) by Michael D. Tanner, White Paper (February 14, 2011) 308
- [“The New Health Care Law’s Effect on State Medicaid Spending: A Study of the Five Most Populous States,”](#) by Jagadeesh Gokhale (April 6, 2011) 368
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- [“Yes, Mr. President: a Free Market Can Fix Health Care,”](#) by Michael F. Cannon, Policy Analysis no. 650, October 21, 2009 441

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