

Report of the National Coalition on Health Care Four Scenarios for Health Care Reform

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In four scenarios for reform analyzed by Professor Kenneth Thorpe of Emory University, system-wide health care reform would save much more money than it would cost, according to economic projections released today by the National Coalition on Health Care.

Coalition president Dr. Henry E. Simmons said, "...done right, health care reform will save America a great deal of money - while at the same time assuring health coverage for all Americans and dramatically improving health care."

Total change in spending for years 2006 through 2015 under four scenarios (in comparison with the status quo):

- 1) **\$320 billion reduction** - Employer mandate supplemented by individual mandate
- 2) **\$320 billion reduction** - Expand existing programs to expand coverage
- 3) **\$370 billion reduction** - Develop new program modeled after the FEHB (federal employees' health plan)
- 4) **\$1,136 billion (\$1.136 trillion) reduction** - Universal publicly financed program ("single payer") - provides the largest savings

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