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Hillary Clinton		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage mandated • Make coverage affordable with income-related tax subsidies, limited premiums, and small business tax credit • Private and public plan options would be available to individuals through a new Health Choices Menu • Strengthen Medicaid and SCHIP programs 		• No provision		• Basic benefits are at least as good as the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP), which includes mental health parity and usually dental coverage.		• No provision					
Barack Obama		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a new public insurance program and National Health Insurance Exchange for private insurance plans. • Make coverage affordable by providing sliding-scale health insurance subsidy based on income. • Require all employers to contribute towards health coverage for their employees or towards the cost of the public plan • Mandate all children have health care coverage • Expand eligibility for the Medicaid and SCHIP programs 		• No provision		• Includes new insurance plan available to everyone includes comprehensive benefits similar to the FEHBP.		• No provision					

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Hillary Clinton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers required to contribute to health coverage. • Large firms required to provide health insurance or contribute to the cost of the system and small businesses offered tax incentives to continue or begin to offer coverage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care is a shared responsibility between individuals, employers, and government. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared responsibility between individuals, employers, government, providers, and insurance and drug companies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care is a shared responsibility between individuals, employers, and government. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health coverage not exclusively paid for through taxes. • Allows for a mix of public and private insurance providers.
Barack Obama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers that do not offer or make a meaningful contribution to the cost of quality health coverage for their employees are required to contribute a percentage of payroll toward the costs of the new public plan. • Small employers that meet certain revenue thresholds will be exempt from contribution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care is a shared responsibility between individuals, employers, and government. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared responsibility among individuals and families, school systems, employers, the medical and public health workforce, and federal and state and local governments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care is a shared responsibility between individuals, employers, and government. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health coverage not exclusively paid for through taxes. • Allows for a mix of public and private insurance providers.

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Hillary Clinton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurers must cover high-priority preventive services that experts agree are proven and effective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create an independent "Best Practices" institute that would inform patients, providers, and payers on what works in health care and how treatments compare to one another. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve quality through physician-driven certification programs designed to reduce variation in the cost and quality of care from state to state and promote continuing education about latest advances in care and procedures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a web-based quality database that allows patients to compare and choose physicians, hospitals and other various health care delivery systems.
Barack Obama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote prevention and investments in Biomedical research, medical education and training to improve the prevention, early detection and treatment of diseases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require hospitals and providers to collect and publicly report measures of health care costs and quality. Require health plans to disclose the percentage of premiums that actually goes to paying for patient care as opposed to administrative costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an independent institute to guide reviews and research on comparative effectiveness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals and providers required to collect and publicly report measures of health care costs and quality.

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Mike Huckabee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No provision to mandate that every person in America has health coverage. • Increase accessibility and affordability through tax code reform and tax credits. 	• No Provision.	• No Provision.	• No Provision.			
John McCain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No provision to mandate that every person in America has health coverage. • Increase accessibility and affordability through tax code reform, tax credits, and inter-state markets. 	• No Provision.	• No Provision.	• No Provision.			
Mitt Romney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase accessibility through market reform and tax code reform. 	• No Provision.	• No Provision.	• No Provision.			

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John McCain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow individuals to get insurance through any organization or association that they choose to increase insurance portability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More control and responsibility for the individual. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More control and responsibility for the individual. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care is a personal responsibility which belongs in the marketplace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care belongs in the marketplace.
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John McCain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase education about health, nutrition and exercise. Increase public health initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Provision. The private marketplace will increase competition and improve quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Provision. The private marketplace will increase competition and improve quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the development of national standards for measuring and recording treatments and outcomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make available more information on treatment options and require transparency by providers regarding medical outcomes, quality of care, costs, and prices.
Mitt Romney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Provision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve quality and enhance transparency by introducing the same competitive forces that drive innovation in other sectors of the economy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Provision. The private marketplace will increase competition and improve quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Provision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish cost and quality transparency to empower consumers.

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