






# CHART #4: SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES' HEALTH PLANS

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<b>Stated Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Create a consumer-centered, not government-centered, quality health care model that offers affordable coverage choices through market competition and puts the consumer in control<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Advocates market-based health care<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rethink entire health care system<sup>3</sup></li> <li>➤ Let the free market determine health care costs to increase choice and make it more affordable<sup>4</sup></li> <li>➤ Unravel the HMO system<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Improve access to affordable health care, without expand government programs<sup>6</sup></li> <li>➤ Provide market-based solutions to health care problems<sup>7</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Mandatory Coverage Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Believes that health care problems must be addressed through market-based solutions, not government-run health care<sup>8</sup></li> </ul>	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Opposed to government-subsidized universal health care<sup>9</sup></li> <li>➤ Believes that if all health care is paid for by the government, consumers will not be motivated to keep health care costs down<sup>10</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Opposed to Federal mandate<sup>11</sup></li> </ul>	No information found
<b>Costs of Plan</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found

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<b>How costs are covered</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	➤ Change the tax code to allow individuals to fully deduct healthcare costs from their taxes, as employers can <sup>12</sup>	➤ Restrict illegal immigration, since people who have entered the U.S. illegally often don't have health insurance and may primarily use hospital emergency rooms for treatment, the cost of which is paid for by others, including the Federal government <sup>13</sup>
<b>Estimated savings</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	➤ Small business owners would save up to 25% on health insurance through the use of Association Health Plans (AHPs) <sup>14</sup>
<b>Implementation Timeline</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Coverage for Children</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Medicaid Expansion</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>New Federal/Public Plans</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Insurance Pools</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	➤ Use Association Health Plans (AHPs) to allow small business owners to band together through pre-existing professional associations to purchase health insurance at reduced rates <sup>15</sup>
<b>Employer Mandate</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Disease Prevention</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Chronic Disease Management</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found

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<b>Long Term Care</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Nursing Shortage</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Quality/Evidence-based Health Care</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Transparency/Consumer Friendliness</b>	➤ Price transparency offers consumers the ability to shop for the best prices and plan for their health care expenditures <sup>16</sup>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Information Technology (IT)</b>	➤ Would offer consumers a means to create a lifetime electronic medical record, ensuring privacy and security of their personal health information <sup>17</sup>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Telemedicine</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Health Insurance Regulations/Eligibility</b>	➤ Allow Americans to purchase health insurance across state lines <sup>18</sup>	No information found	➤ Allow Americans to buy health care insurance across state lines <sup>19</sup>	➤ Allow Americans to buy health insurance across state lines to bring down costs <sup>20</sup>	No information found
<b>Malpractice/Professional Liability</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Increasing Drug Availability and Reducing Their Costs</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Eliminating Health Disparities</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Public Health Preparedness Initiatives</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found
<b>Mental Health</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found	No information found

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