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* FACT SHEET *

Senator Blunt's Common-Sense Health Care Solutions

- **Lowering Health Care Costs Nationwide.**
 - Senator Blunt supports bipartisan policies that lower health care premiums for families and job creators in Missouri and nationwide.
 - Senator Blunt believes small businesses should have the power to pool together and offer health care at lower prices, just as corporations and labor unions do.
 - Senator Blunt supports allowing Americans to shop for coverage from coast-to-coast by providing them with the flexibility to purchase their coverage in another state.
- **Guaranteeing Access To Fair And Affordable Care For All Americans.**
 - Senator Blunt supports the creation of “Universal Access Programs” that expand and reform high-risk pools and reinsurance programs to guarantee all Americans – regardless of pre-existing conditions or past illnesses – have access to affordable care while lowering costs nationwide.
 - Senator Blunt supports initiatives that prohibit insurers from cancelling a policy unless a person commits fraud or conceals material facts about a health condition. He also supports measures that prohibit insurance plans from instituting annual or lifetime spending limits.
- **Ending Junk Lawsuits With Medical Liability Reform.**
 - Senator Blunt introduced the “Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare” (HEALTH) Act of 2011 in the U.S. Senate, which would reduce health care costs by discouraging junk lawsuits.
 - According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), instituting the types of reforms included in this legislation could save \$54 billion over 10 years.
- **Empowering Families To Plan For The Future.**
 - Senator Blunt believes we should create incentives to save for future and long-term care needs by allowing qualified participants to use Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) to pay for premiums.
 - Senator Blunt believes we need to promote prevention and wellness programs by giving employers greater flexibility to financially reward employees who adopt healthier lifestyles.
 - Senator Blunt supports policies that encourage the coverage of young adults on their parents’ insurance plans through age 26.
- **Protecting Our Fundamental Freedoms.**
 - Senator Blunt introduced the “Respect for Rights of Conscience” Act to preserve our First Amendment rights against the Obama Administration’s Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate, which flies in the face of 40 years of conscience protections in health care law.