

Discussion Class Assignment – Due October 27, 2009.

The assignment is to read the paper: *Health Care Reform Proposals*, which summarizes 3 major reform proposals in bills before congress. Two of the proposals are from the U.S. Senate and one proposal is from the U.S. House of Representatives. You will need to turn in at least a 300 word summary of the article in class and be prepared to discuss the following questions. Your summary should focus on answering these questions as well.

1. Identify at least five key components of each proposal. What are the similarities and differences between the proposals?
2. How does each proposal plan on expanding health care insurance coverage? Again, briefly discuss similarities and differences between the proposals.
3. On the benefits side of each proposal, what impact will the proposal have upon health insurance benefits for individuals who were: (a) previously covered by health insurance and (b) previously not covered by health insurance? Please be specific.
4. On the cost side of each proposal, what are the costs of the proposal and how does the proposal intend to fund these extra costs? Please be specific?
5. Which of the three proposals is the best proposal in your opinion? Please give specific and concrete reasons for your answer? What will be the impact on the market for health insurance, health care, and overall health?