

**(Washington, D.C.) – Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA), Ranking Member of the Ways & Means Health Subcommittee, issued the following statement after he joined with Republican Leadership to unveil their plan to bring down health care costs and increase access for the American people:**

“The Republican alternative health care plan is a commonsense solution that will provide the serious reforms we need. I agree with President Obama’s call for health care reform, but I believe that we must stop any movement toward government control of health care. The plan that I am supporting will reduce costs for all Americans, cover millions of people who currently lack health insurance, and improve quality of care -- all without imposing an enormous debt on future generations.

“The alternative plan keeps the focus on the two most important people in the health care system, the patient and the doctor. It opens up real choice for small businesses and working families by giving them access to affordable coverage options. And it avoids creating a new, taxpayer subsidized government program. After government-run health care squeezes out all private alternatives, the American people would have no other choice than to turn to Washington for care. Hopefully, Republicans and Democrats will be able to reach a bipartisan solution without turning to a massive government expansion.”

NOTE: For information on the House GOP health care reform [proposal](#) , visit the House GOP Health Care Solutions Group website

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<http://healthcare.gopleader.gov>

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