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CHARLES BOUSTANY JR., MD (LA.)

Years in Congress 5
Years practicing medicine 22
Specialty cardiovascular surgery
Committees Ways and Means

Quotable

Health reform legislation needs to protect physician-patient relationships. “If you really want to control costs and keep quality in place, patients have to be given very good health advice. Not just treatment of their illness when they’re sick.”



MICHAEL BURGESS, MD (TEXAS)

Years in Congress 9
Years practicing medicine 25
Specialty obstetrics-gynecology
Committees Energy and Commerce

Quotable

Many members of Congress are talking about expanding access to health insurance, but an insurance card alone isn’t enough. “You do need someone there to provide the service.”



PAUL BROUN, MD (GA.)

Years in Congress 2
Years practicing medicine 38
Specialty family medicine
Committees Homeland Security, Science and Technology

Quotable

“Insurance bureaucrats, both government and private, are currently making health care decisions and are already rationing health care.” Instead, physicians should explain the benefits and risks of every test and patients should make decisions for themselves about spending and care.



BILL CASSIDY, MD (LA.)

Years in Congress 1
Years practicing medicine 20
Specialty gastroenterology, internal medicine
Committees Agriculture, Natural Resources, Education and Labor

Quotable

Concierge care, where patients prepay a fixed amount for all of their health care, is a model to watch. “This really strengthens the physician-patient relationship.”



JOHN FLEMING, MD (LA.)

Years in Congress 1
Years practicing medicine 33
Specialty family medicine
Committees Armed Services, Natural Resources

Quotable

The GOP didn’t reform health care substantially when it controlled Congress and the White House, and now voters have put Democrats in charge. “We’re at a definite disadvantage.”



PHIL GINGREY, MD (GA.)

Years in Congress 7
Years practicing medicine 31
Specialty obstetrics-gynecology
Committees Armed Services, Energy and Commerce

Quotable

Republicans are opposed to a public plan option as part of national health reform because it would introduce too much government influence into the health system. “We think that would lead to a single-payer system. It’s just getting there in two steps instead of one.”



RON PAUL, MD (TEXAS)

Years in Congress 22
Years practicing medicine 30+
Specialty obstetrics-gynecology
Committees Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Joint Economic

Quotable

Patients should be worried about the stimulus act’s push to digitize as many medical records as possible. “The government’s ability to protect medical records is highly questionable. After all, we are all familiar with cases where third parties obtained access to electronic veteran, tax, and other records because of errors made by federal bureaucrats.”



TOM PRICE, MD (GA.)

Years in Congress 5
Years practicing medicine 20
Specialty obstetrics-gynecology
Committees Education and Labor, Financial Services

Quotable

Adopting one-size-fits-all national health reform legislation won’t work. “The states may want to have different types of plans.”



PHIL ROE, MD (TENN.)

Years in Congress 1
Years practicing medicine 31
Specialty obstetrics-gynecology
Committees Agriculture, Education and Labor, Veterans’ Affairs

Quotable

“Turning our health care system to the government is not the answer. We have seen that government consistently overregulates and underdelivers.” Allowing small businesses to band together to buy health insurance, making health coverage more portable and providing tax credits for buying health insurance would all help lower the cost of health care.