

Health Care Reform: What's at Stake for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders

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Overview

- Why we need health care reform
 - Process and Proposals
 - What's in it for our communities?
 - What you can do
 - Q&A
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Pop Quiz!



HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM

The Urgent Need for Reform

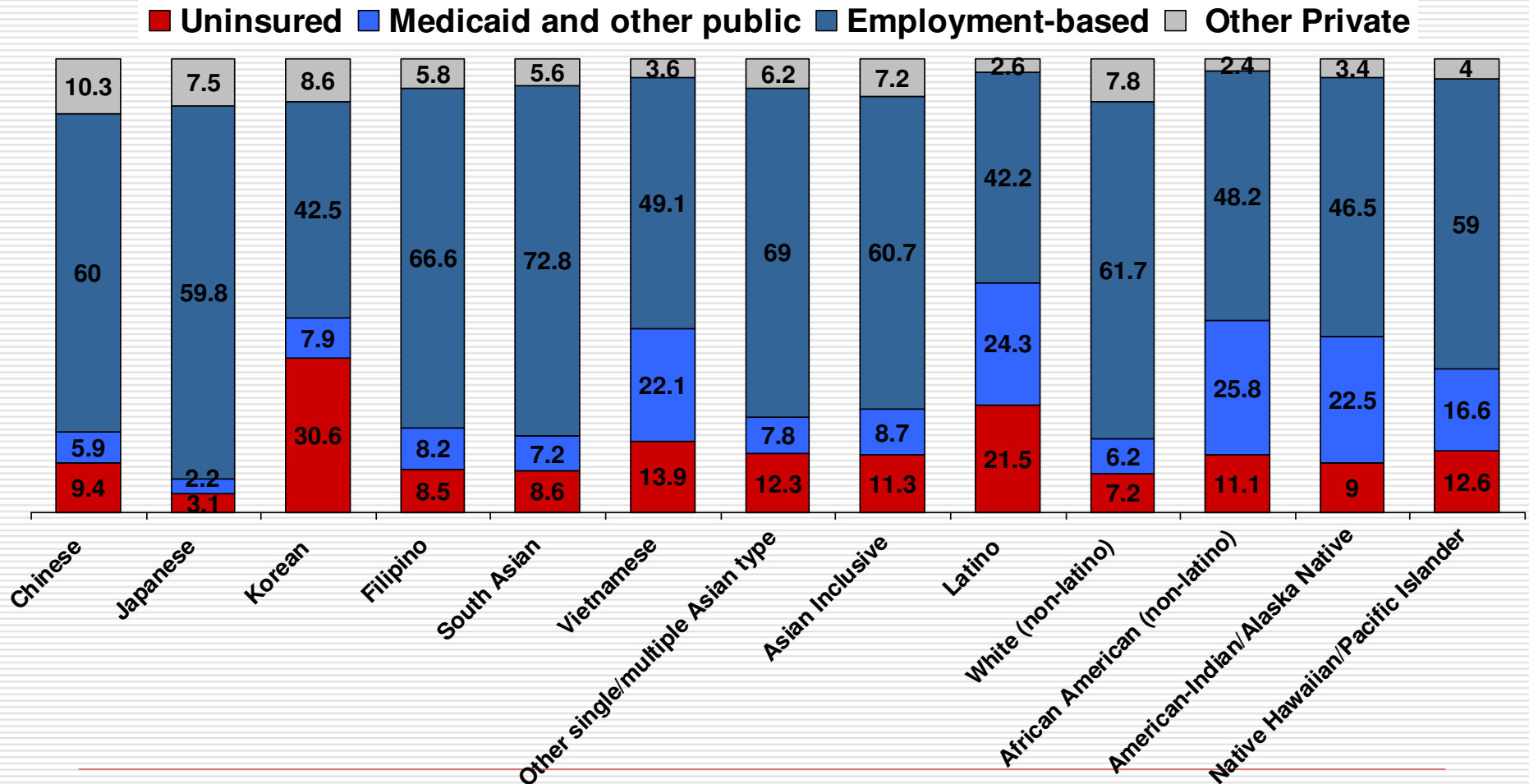


Take Our Quiz

Why we need health reform: Coverage

- There are nearly 47 million Americans who are uninsured
 - 1 in 7 Americans
 - 1 in 6 Asian Americans
 - 1 in 4 Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders
 - AAs and NHPIs are less likely to use or receive preventive services and timely appropriate care
 - Individuals who are uninsured are more likely to lack a usual source of care
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Source of Health Coverage



California Health Interview Survey,
 2007

Why we need health reform: Cost

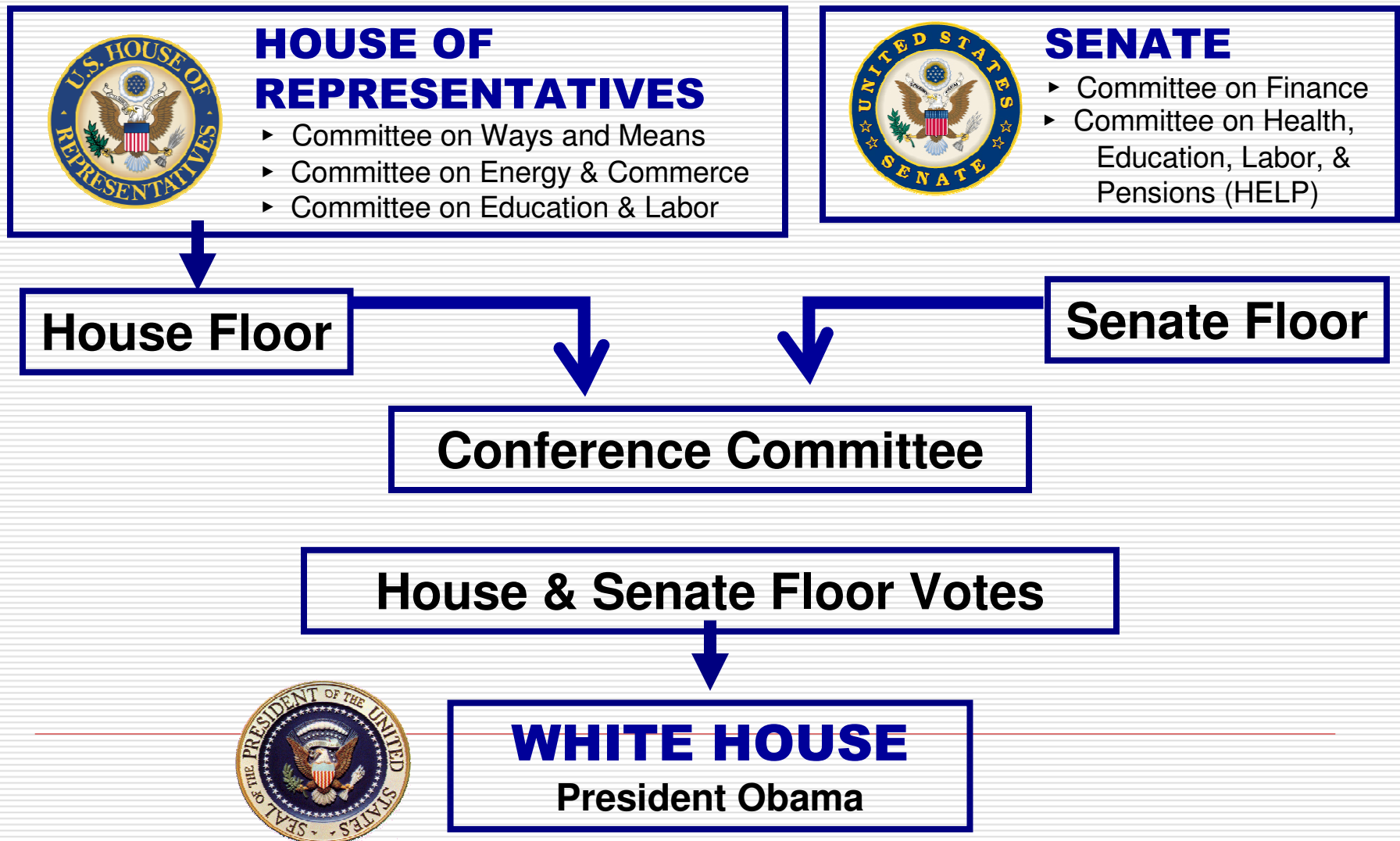


	Cost / Value in 2008	Percent of Income to Purchase Health Insurance
Price of a Family Policy	\$12,680	
200% FPL (family of 3)	\$35,200	36.02%
300% FPL (family of 3)	\$52,800	24.02%

Why we need health reform: Quality

- AAs and NHPIs face barriers in accessing quality care
 - Language
 - Culture
 - Affordability
 - Other Restrictions
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The Process



Health Reform Proposals

	Senate Finance (Baucus Bill)	Senate HELP (Kennedy Bill)	House Tri- Committee
Cost (over 10 years)	\$774 billion	\$645 billion	\$1.3 trillion
Projected Uninsured by 2019	25 million	34 million	17 million
Government-run insurance	No Co-ops	Yes Public Option	Yes Public Option
Individual mandate	Yes	Yes	Yes
Employer mandate	Yes	Yes	Yes
Medicaid Expansion	133% FPL	150% FPL	133% FPL

Adapted from the Washington Post

What is the Health Insurance Exchange?

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What's in it for our communities?

	Senate Finance (Baucus Bill)	Senate HELP (Kennedy Bill)	House Tri- Committee
Linguistic and cultural competence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Multilingual call center for state exchanges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Health insurers required to reimburse or incentivize providers to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate care <input type="checkbox"/> Exchanges must be culturally and linguistically appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Funds demonstration grants in Medicare to reimburse for language services <input type="checkbox"/> Requires plans in the exchange to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services
Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establish uniform categories for collecting data on race, ethnicity and primary language <input type="checkbox"/> Federally-funded population surveys to be statistically reliable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establish uniform categories for collecting data on race, ethnicity and primary language <input type="checkbox"/> Federally-supported health programs to collect/report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Creates an Asst. Secretary for Health Info in HHS to develop uniform standards for data collection for federal programs

Adapted from Kaiser Family Foundation, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

What's in it for our communities?

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Workforce Diversity		<input type="checkbox"/> Expands workforce diversity grants	<input type="checkbox"/> Expands workforce diversity grants
Prevention and Wellness	<input type="checkbox"/> Support for primary prevention and promotion of care coordination	<input type="checkbox"/> Provides funding for screening and preventive services <input type="checkbox"/> Grants for community health workers	<input type="checkbox"/> Provides increased funding for prevention services and health departments

APIAHF Strategy

- ❑ [Weekly Policy Update Podcasts](#)
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 - ❑ Community Forums
 - ❑ Legislative Visits
 - ❑ Call-in Days
 - ❑ [Action Alerts](#)
 - ❑ White House Meetings
 - ❑ Coalitions
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What You Can Do

- ❑ **Write/call/fax/visit [your legislators](#)** and let them know what you want in health care reform
- ❑ **Be a voice in health reform**
 - Share your health care story
 - Write a Letter to the Editor for your local newspaper
 - Blog at <http://asianamericanhealth.blogspot.com>
- ❑ **Attend health care reform events**
 - Town halls
 - Rallies
 - Webinars
 - Event listing: <http://www.healthreform.gov/>

What You Can Do

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