



Critical Condition

CRFB: Medicare For All “Would Mean ... Tripling Payroll Taxes Or More Than Doubling All Other Taxes”

As some Members of the U.S. House introduced Medicare for All legislation “[without a price tag](#)” last week, the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB) [looked at](#) the crucial issue of cost, and their findings are sobering. The bill “would replace nearly all current insurance with a government-run single-payer plan” that “would be far more generous than either Medicare or most private coverage,” they note – and “**similar proposals have been estimated to cost the federal government roughly \$28-32 trillion over a decade.**”

So, how would American families be forced to pay for this massive, one-size-fits-all government-run health care system called Medicare for All?

“Enacting this type of Medicare for All would mean **increasing federal spending by about 60 percent (excluding interest)** and financing a \$30 trillion program would require the equivalent of **tripling payroll taxes or more than doubling all other taxes,**” CFRB writes.

It’s no wonder the bill’s authors chose to leave these details out ... because few Americans would support such a proposal if they were aware of the staggering costs it would place on their shoulders. A recent poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation [found](#) that **six in 10 respondents oppose Medicare for All once they learn it would force most Americans to pay more in taxes.**

Instead of eliminating our entire health care system, kicking every American off their coverage and starting from scratch with a one-size-fits-all government program that forces families to pay more – let’s focus on protecting what works in American health care, while coming together to fix what’s broken.