

# KENDRA HORN'S 25-POINT HEALTH CARE PLAN



Kendra's top priority over the next two years in Congress is to reduce health care and drug costs for Oklahoma's families and expand access. Her **25-Point Health Care Plan** is a roadmap for how she plans to pass real health care reforms during her second term in the House. Each point on the plan has found bipartisan support, either as a bill with Republican and Democratic cosponsors or with votes from both parties on the House floor.

## **I. Fixing the Affordable Care Act**

1. Lower premiums to working families by issuing reinsurance payments to health insurers for individual health insurance coverage.
2. Provide direct assistance to reduce out-of-pocket costs for qualified health plans offered in the individual market through the exchange.
3. Subsidize COBRA coverage during periods of exceptionally high unemployment.
4. Increase federal match rate for state Medicaid program during periods of exceptionally high unemployment.
5. Expand availability of health savings accounts (HSAs) beyond high deductible plans and expand qualifying expenses to include PPE, dietary nutritional supplements, telehealth services, premium payments for individual marketplace plans that do not qualify for federal subsidies, home gym equipment, and gym memberships.

## **II. Increasing Access to Healthcare**

1. Reauthorize and extend the Community Health Center Program.
2. Reduce burdensome regulations on rural health clinics by expanding the ability of physician assistants and nurse practitioners to provide care in rural health clinics; allowing rural health clinics to serve as distant sites for telehealth services; and increasing maximum payment rate per visit for rural health clinics.
3. Expand Medicare coverage to include (1) dentures and dental and oral health services, including basic and major treatments (as determined by the CMS) as well as specified preventive and screening services; (2) hearing aids and hearing rehabilitation and treatment services; and (3) eyeglasses, contact lenses, and vision services, including routine eye examinations and contact lens fittings.

## **III. Expand Access and Reduce Cost of Mental Health Care**

1. Reauthorize and expand the Certified Community Behavioral Health Center Pilot Program.
2. Enforce mental health care parity laws for health insurance coverage.

#### **IV. Lowering Prescription Drug Prices**

1. Cap out-of-pocket costs for Medicare Part D recipients at \$2,000.
2. Require HHS to negotiate prices for (a) insulin products, and (b) the single-source, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition and that account for the greatest national spending.
3. The negotiated maximum price may not exceed a specified percentage of the manufacturers' cost.
4. Require drug manufacturers to issue rebates to CMS for certain drugs under Medicare that cost \$100 or more and for which the average manufacturer price increases faster than inflation.
5. Require drug manufacturers to publicly report information on high-price drugs, including manufacturing cost, price, and planned price increases, covered under Medicare or Medicaid.
6. Direct all price concessions, incentive payments, and price adjustments between a pharmacy and a prescription drug plan sponsor or pharmacy benefit manager to be included at the point of sale in order to decrease patients' medication costs.

#### **V. Improving and Sustaining Medicare and Medicaid**

1. Remove geographic restrictions on reimbursements for telehealth services and make permanent the telehealth waivers granted during the COVID-19 pandemic for Medicare and Medicaid.
2. Allow states to extend Medicaid coverage to women for one year after giving birth.
3. Prohibit Medicare Advantage plans from instituting additional prior authorization requirements that inhibit or delay necessary care.
4. Require Medicare Advantage plans to establish an electronic prior authorization program that can provide real-time decisions for routine services.
5. Protect the future of Medicare and Medicaid by passing the TRUST Act to ensure fiscal responsibility and long term solvency for federal trusts.

#### **VI. Workforce Development**

1. Create grants to increase workforce diversity in the professions of mental healthcare and substance abuse treatment, physical therapy, occupational therapy, audiology, and speech-language pathology.
2. Increase the number of immigration waivers for healthcare workers under the Conrad State 30 program that a state may receive serving in underserved areas based on need.
3. Increase funding to the National Health Service Corp to provide more student loan relief for healthcare providers working in underserved areas.
4. Support regional centers of excellence to improve education on implicit bias and cultural competency in patient-provider interactions.