

John McCain Wants to Tax Our Negotiated Health Care Benefits

Taxing workers on health care is a sick idea

John McCain wants to tax us on our employer-paid health care benefits. In fact, the McCain tax on workers' health care likely would cause employers to drop coverage for more than 20 million Americans. (*Health Affairs Journal, Sept. 2008*)

We can't afford McCain's health care plan.

CWA members have fought hard to protect our employer-paid health care. Now McCain wants to tax us on health care benefits and has proposed a meager tax credit of \$5,000 a year for a family and \$2,500 for a single person.

The value of our coverage is far above that. That means our taxes will go up.

Don't let John McCain and his health care tax plan undermine our health care and raise our taxes.

Here's what we will pay under McCain's health care tax:

	State	Family income	Increased taxes owed*	
			By 2012	By 2016
Verizon family	Virginia	\$90,000	\$12,696	\$31,547

* Because the cost of the health care plan is treated like income, the amount of tax we pay goes up. It's a **pay cut** we can't afford.

*On Nov. 4, vote for the candidate who supports working families:
Senator Barack Obama.*

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