

10 Things Every American Should Know About Health Care Reform

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1. Once reform is fully implemented, **over 95% of Americans will have health insurance coverage**, including 32 million who are currently uninsured.
2. Health insurance companies will **no longer be allowed to deny people coverage** because of preexisting conditions—or to drop coverage when people become sick.
3. Just like members of Congress, individuals and small businesses who can't afford to purchase insurance on their own will be able to pool together and **choose from a variety of competing plans with lower premiums**.
4. Reform will **cut the federal budget deficit** by \$138 billion over the next ten years, and a whopping \$1.2 trillion in the following ten years.
5. Health care will be **more affordable for families and small businesses thanks to new tax credits**, subsidies, and other assistance—paid for largely by taxing insurance companies, drug companies, and the very wealthiest Americans.
6. **Seniors on Medicare will pay less for their prescription drugs** because the legislation closes the "donut hole" gap in existing coverage.
7. By reducing health care costs for employers, reform will **create or save more than 2.5 million jobs** over the next decade.
8. **Medicaid will be expanded** to offer health insurance coverage to an additional 16 million low-income people.
9. Instead of losing coverage after they leave home or graduate from college, **young adults will be able to remain on their families' insurance plans** until age 26.
10. Community health centers would receive an additional \$11 billion, **doubling the number of patients who can be treated** regardless of their insurance or ability to pay.

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14 CFR 65.15(d) was added that dictates, “Except for temporary certificates issued under §65.13, the holder of a paper certificate issued under this Part, may not exercise the privileges of that certificate after March 31, 2013.”

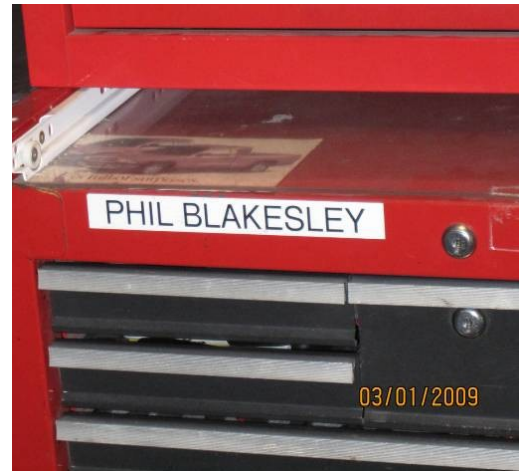
Visit the FAA website for verification and compliance: <http://www.faa.gov/licensescertificates/airmencertification/> or read the FAA’s WingTips Newsletter for more info. If you have already obtained the new plastic Airmans Certificate, you are in compliance with the ruling and no further action is required.

NOTE: If you are a Pilot the expiration date is March 31, 2010.

TWU Member, Phil Blakesley

Phil died on December 13, 2009, at the age of 47, after having a planned routine surgery. To this date there has been no “Death Certificate”, issued. Colleen Blakesley, Phil’s wife said, “*the medical center never could stabilize my husband’s blood pressure, after the surgery, Phil, died because of internal bleeding conditions.*”

Phil’s wife and daughter need our help. Because there has been no “death certificate issued”, needed funds, that would help the family, are not available. Mrs. Blakesley has asked that the TWU help the family by raffling off Phil’s tool box. Please participate in the upcoming raffle for Phil Blakesley’s family. Tickets will be available, after the upcoming Shop Steward meeting, April 12, 2010, with the drawing taking place on, Monday, April 26, 2010.



American Airlines Dive Club

There will be an Intro to Scuba class being held May 1, 2010 at the Claremore Recreation Center. If you have ever wanted to learn how to scuba dive, this is your chance and it is free. You must be at the recreation center by 9:30 am. For more information please call Cheryl at 292-3837 or Bear at 384-9765.