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Health Care Reform and American Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know by Lawrence R. Jacobs and Theda Skocpol. New York, Oxford University Press, 2010. 232 pp. \$16.95.

This book offers a highly accessible, engagingly written account of the political struggles behind the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The authors--two prominent experts on health care politics--provide a concise yet thorough overview of the roles played by the president, congressional leaders, voters, interest groups (ranging from the health care industry to grassroots organizations to Tea Partiers), and other key players in shaping this landmark piece of legislation. Noting that "it ain't over 'til it's over" (p. 147), the authors then look ahead to the many political and legal challenges still facing the Affordable Care Act, tying in the crucial roles of the courts, the federal bureaucracy, and state government officials. The book also offers an...

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Health care reform is needed to lower costs. Medical bankruptcies affect up to 2 million people. High costs are consuming the federal budget. Fourth, health care reform is needed to stem the economic costs of health care fraud. Between 3%-10% is lost to fraud each year. That amounts to between \$60 billion to \$200 billion annually. But Congress did eliminate the requirement that everyone buy insurance or face a tax. That could reduce the number of people with insurance. Over time, out of pocket spending could decimate the finances of uninsured Americans who opt to use the emergency room as their primary care physician. Trump's health care plan has found many other ways to weaken the Affordable Care Act considerably. There is a newer edition of this item: Health Care Reform and American Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know, 3rd Edition \$16.53 (16) In Stock. Read more Read less. click to open popover. Amazon.com Review. WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW About This Series. Who it's for: Busy people with diverse interests,

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