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“WE have to pass the bill so **YOU** can find out what’s in it.”

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, March 9, 2010

One Year of Obamacare, 12 Months of “Finding Out What’s In It”

- March** After Obamacare created a brand new entitlement program, CBO confirmed that if Medicare wasn’t fixed first, the law would increase the deficit by \$260 billion.
- April** HHS reports that Medicare cuts could shut down up to 15% of hospitals.
- May** Americans with pre-existing conditions who have insurance learn they will have to go without coverage for 6 months to be eligible for Obamacare.
- June** The Associated Press reports that many small business owners will have to fire workers or reduce salaries to take full advantage of Obamacare tax credits.
- July** DOJ confirms that the individual mandate IS a tax.
- August** The President recess appoints Donald Berwick - a person who supports health care rationing to implement Obamacare at CMS.
- September** Administration announces that 80% of small businesses will be forced to change the coverage they offer employees.
- October** Administration begins offering Obamacare waivers to the well connected. Over 40 percent go to unions who supported the law.
- November** A majority of American voters speak out against Obamacare – handing Republicans 6 new Senate seats and taking the House.
- December** The SEIU – one of the biggest unions in the country - admits that meeting the requirements of the bill would be “financially impossible.”
- January** Medicare actuary calls President’s promise the health care law will bring down costs “false, moreso than true.” Florida court finds the entire law unconstitutional.
- February** IRS’ 2012 budget request mentions Obamacare over 250 times.