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## **Top 10 Things to Know About The “Independent Payment Advisory Board”**

*The President’s health care law created the Independent Payment Advisory Board – which empowers 15 unelected Washington bureaucrats to cut Medicare and limit Americans’ care.*

- 1. IPAB is How Washington Will Limit Americans’ Care**  
*In the future, IPAB will set the price for patients’ health care. When IPAB decides to pay less for treatment, many providers will stop offering key services to patients.*
- 2. IPAB’s Recommendations Automatically Become Law**  
*It will be practically impossible for IPAB’s recommendations not to automatically become law. American patients will be forced to accept the unelected board’s recommendations about their care.*
- 3. IPAB Policies Cannot Be Challenged in Court**  
*If American patients suffer from IPAB’s recommendations, they can’t challenge the unelected board in court.*
- 4. IPAB’s Mission Is To Cut Provider Payments**  
*When IPAB cuts provider payments, it will make doctors even less likely to accept and treat Medicare patients.*
- 5. IPAB Policy Could Impact All Patients – Not Just Medicare Patients**  
*President Obama could push to expand IPAB authority to the entire health care law. Many private insurers use Medicare as a standard for payment benchmarks for private plans.*
- 6. President Obama Wants to Keep IPAB Under the Radar**  
*IPAB will intentionally not come into existence until after the 2012 election.*
- 7. Opposition to IPAB is Bipartisan**  
*Even members of the President’s own party recognize that IPAB isn’t good for Medicare. In January 2010, 72 House Democrats joined Republicans asking then Speaker Pelosi to take IPAB out of the health care bill.*
- 8. IPAB Price Setting Power Gives Washington More Power Over Americans’ Health Care**  
*IPAB is a classic example of Washington giving more power to an unelected and unaccountable board instead of Americans. Patients and their doctors should have the control – not Washington.*
- 9. President Obama is Doubling Down on IPAB**  
*The President recommended additional “tools” and “enforcement mechanisms” during his George Washington University Speech on April 13, 2011.*
- 10. Republicans Are Working to Repeal IPAB**  
*Senator Cornyn introduced the Health Care Bureaucrats Elimination Act (S. 668) to repeal this unelected, unaccountable board.*