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# PLATTE CHAT

PLATTE INSTITUTE  
RELEASES LATEST STUDY:  
"THE PROGNOSIS FOR NATIONAL  
HEALTH INSURANCE:  
A NEBRASKA PERSPECTIVE"

The Platte Institute is pleased to release this timely report which is authored by the nationally-renowned Arduin, Laffer & Moore Econometrics.

While there has been plenty of talk about the national implications of health care reform, this is the first report that puts hard numbers in place about the specific ramifications for Nebraska. Among the findings are:

- Health care reform based on President Obama's priorities will come with a pricetag of \$4,273 for every person in Nebraska.
- Health care reform based on President Obama's priorities will reduce economic growth in Nebraska by 3.7 percent.

[Download: "The Prognosis for National Health Insurance: A Nebraska Perspective."](#)

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR  
THE 2009 NEBRASKA HEALTH  
CARE SUMMIT, WHICH IS 7 DAYS  
AWAY!**

There is still time to register for the 2009 Nebraska Health Care Summit, which takes place on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Scott Conference Center in Omaha.

[Click HERE for a registration form](#)

[Click HERE for an agenda](#)

Here is a listing of all the scheduled speakers at the event:

- Nebraska State Senator Tim Gay
- Donald J. Palmisano, MD, JD, FACS , former head of the American Medical Association
- Beverly Gossage, Director, HSA Benefits Consulting
- Richard O'Brien, MD, Creighton University Medical Center
- Dr. Regina Herzlinger, Harvard Professor & Senior Fellow at Manhattan Institute
- U.S. Representative Lee Terry
- *Stephen B. Smith, MD*, Chief Medical Officer at *Nebraska Medical Center*
- Glenn Fosdick, President & CEO, Nebraska Medical Center
- John Fraser, CEO, Nebraska Methodist Health System
- Kim Russel, President & CEO, Bryan LGH Health Systems
- Harris Frankel, MD, Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NeHII)
- Jane Miller, COO, Gallup
- Barb Schaefer, Sr. Vice President, Union Pacific

Railroad

- Dr. James Canedy, President, Private Practice Assoc., LLP
- Steve Martin, President & CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
- Wayne Sensor, CEO, Alegent Health, Omaha

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