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"Today's CMS report confirms fears that health care costs have spiked to record levels and are increasing at a significantly faster rate than wages," said Dingell. "The Bush Administration's failure to address our country's broken health care system has resulted in 47 million uninsured Americans and a national health care bill that now tops \$2 trillion."

“This report proves that protecting the health of the American people will require sweeping reforms, as well as an Administration willing to make quality, affordable health care a top priority,” said Wynn. “With our national health care bill now averaging more than \$7,000 a person, it’s clear that major surgery, not simply a band-aid, is necessary to repair our ailing health care system.”

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