

What can we do if healthcare passes?

1. Remember that it has passed the Senate, so if the house can pass the senate version, then healthcare can be signed into law. Reconciliation will be used to smooth out the bill, and to pay back the people that voted for it. There is no need for anything to happen in the Senate to make this bill become law.

2. The federal government will be outside the bounds of their Constitutional Authority on several grounds, but the forced expansion of Medicaid gives the states the incentive and ability to challenge this law immediately upon passage.

3. What can the states do about the forced expansion of Medicaid?

A. The states can accept the bill, begin to pay the tax increases, take on additional Medicaid liability, and fight it out in the Supreme Court over the next few years.

B. The states can use Supreme Court Cases as a guide to render this bill null and void within its borders so that they protect their states from bankruptcy. Most states in this Union do not have money sitting around to fund an expanded Medicaid, so they will have to either raise taxes, or change their budgets completely. If they use this tactic then they put the pressure on the federal government to prove in the Supreme Court that it is Constitutional for the Federal Government to adjust state budgets.

i. In *New York v. US* The Court ruled that the federal government may not force a state to use state resources to carry out federal law.

ii. In *Printz v. US* The Court ruled that state legislatures can and should work independently from the federal government.

iii. In *Lopez v. US* the Chief Justice Rehnquist stated that the abuse of the commerce clause must be ended.

We are urging the state legislators of every state to use the tenth amendment to check the power of the growing federal government. By striking down this law, after it passes, the states then protect their sovereignty while forcing Congress to prove the Constitutionality of the healthcare law.