



A public option means affordable health care for Nebraska.  
But Senator Ben Nelson is standing in the way.

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# Senator Nelson opposes a public health insurance option. We need him on our side.

Over the next decade, average health insurance premiums for Nebraska families are expected to skyrocket by more than \$8,500.<sup>1</sup> Our state can't afford the status quo—but Senator Nelson *opposes* giving Nebraskans the choice of a public health insurance option.<sup>2</sup>

## A public option means affordable health coverage for Nebraskans.

The choice of a public health insurance option would make health coverage affordable and accessible to more Nebraskans. Senate legislation that includes a public health insurance option would save the typical Nebraska family \$2,419 compared to legislation without a public option.<sup>3</sup> Another analysis found that legislation with a strong public option would cover about 167,000 Nebraskans who currently lack coverage.<sup>4</sup> So, why is Senator Nelson standing in the way?

## Senator Nelson accepted over \$1.3 million from insurance and HMO interests.

Over the course of his career in Washington, Senator Nelson has accepted more than \$1.3 million in campaign cash from insurance and health special interests that oppose real reform with a public option.<sup>5</sup> Maybe that's why he opposes giving Nebraskans a choice of a public option?

**CALL SENATOR BEN NELSON AT (202) 224-6551.  
TELL HIM WE NEED AFFORDABLE COVERAGE NOW.**



**Check the Facts:** 1. Center for American Progress, 7/31/09. 2. *Congressional Quarterly*, 5/1/09. 3. Health Care for America NOW, 10/23/09. 4. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, 7/09. 5. Center for Responsive Politics, 10/1/09. *MoveOn.org Political Action has 15,000 active members in the state of Nebraska.*