

Burr Statement on Health Care Co-ops and the Public Option

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WASHINGTON, D.C. –Today, Senator Richard Burr (R-North Carolina) issued the following statement on the Administration considering health care co-ops instead of a public option:

“Over the past several days, Administration officials have indicated that they might be willing to settle for health care co-ops instead of a public option plan in their health care reform proposal. While I haven’t seen any specific details about these co-ops, I am willing to entertain any good idea as long as it covers all Americans, stresses wellness and prevention, and does not increase taxes or add to our national debt. However, if these co-ops are financed or run by the federal government, then they are no better than the public option and are just federally run health care under a different name.”