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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE DESCRIBES NEW HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

Wichita, Kansas. Senator Bob Dole today said the \$6 billion National Health Insurance plan to be submitted by the Administration on Tuesday is "constructive and deserves serious consideration by Congress."

In remarks prepared for delivery to the Convention of the Certified Ophthalmic Dispensers of Kansas, Senator Dole described the basic features of the new plan as "relying on the private sector to provide uniform, high quality health care for every American while bringing the cost of this care into reasonable bounds for the private citizen and government alike."

The new plan would provide equal health insurance benefits for everyone regardless of income or age, and would protect families catastrophic illnesses costs in excess of \$1,500 per year. It would be paid for in large part by employee premiums and by funds now going into Medicare and Medicaid.

"I do not know if the Administration's plan provides all the answers we are seeking. But it and others before the Finance Committee offer a sound basis for the discussion required to meet the pressing national priority of securing better health care at lower cost," Senator Dole said.

The Kansas Senator is a Member of the Senate Finance Committee which has jurisdiction over all health insurance legislation.