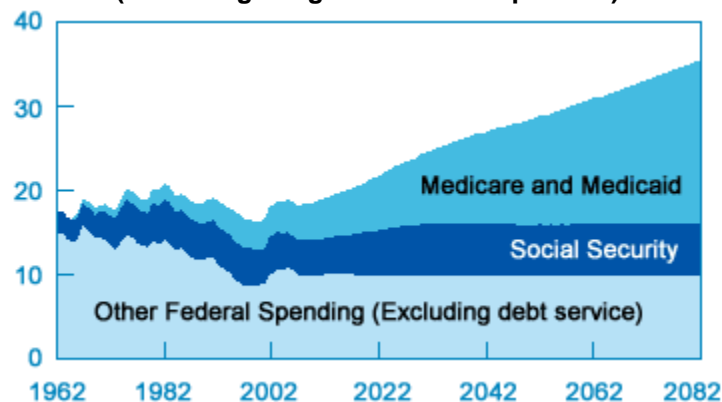




## Health Care Reform Will Result in a Reduction in the Federal Deficit

Without significant change to the health care system, the federal budget is on an unsustainable path, primarily because of the rising cost of health care and the aging of the U.S. population.

**Projected Federal Spending Without Health Care Reform Under One Fiscal Scenario  
(Percentage of gross domestic product)**



The good news is that health care reform will result in a reduction in the federal deficit and save money. The Congressional Budget office estimates that the direct spending and revenue effects of enacting the Senate plan for health care reform would yield a **net reduction in federal deficits of \$132 billion over the 2010-2019 period and \$1 trillion in the following ten years.**

Health care reform will put the federal government on the path to long-term financial stability by reducing the federal deficit and extending the life of the Medicare Trust Fund. And, most importantly the Senate health care reform plan is fully paid for.

Health care reform will begin to lower skyrocketing health care costs and improve care by investing in primary and preventive care, creating a commission to recommend improvements in Medicare, promoting integrated care for those who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, and establishing pilot programs that test and evaluate new strategies to reduce costs while improving the quality of care that people receive.

In addition to a reduction in the federal deficit, health care reform will bring other significant improvements to how we pay for health care. Health care reform would provide a much needed boost to the economy. It will provide \$38 billion in tax credits over the next 10 years to small businesses that provide coverage for their employees. Health care reform will lead to hundreds of thousands of new jobs each year.

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