

## **CLASS Dismissed**

Following the repeal of the health care law's 1099 reporting provision, the CLASS Act is now being jettisoned. This latest development, which highlights a major budget gimmick the Democrats used to claim their health care overhaul was "paid-for," affirms what Americans have long-known: America cannot afford the Democrats' health care law.

### **THEN**

"CBO's February 2011 analysis indicates that implementation of the long-term care insurance program established by the CLASS Act will reduce federal deficits by \$86 billion over the 2012–2021 period."

- Congressional Budget Office's [Analysis](http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/121xx/doc12119/03-30-healthcarelegislation.pdf) (<http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/121xx/doc12119/03-30-healthcarelegislation.pdf>) of the Major Health Care Legislation Enacted in March 2010

### **NOW**

"I do not see a viable path forward for CLASS implementation at this time."

- Health and Human Services Secretary Sebelius in an October 14, 2011 [report](http://waysandmeans.house.gov/UploadedFiles/CLASSdecision10-14-final.pdf) (<http://waysandmeans.house.gov/UploadedFiles/CLASSdecision10-14-final.pdf>) submitted to the Congress

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