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In our study of the Kerry plan we reported the estimate of Kenneth Thorpe, architect of the Kerry health plan: almost 11 million people will lose their current private insurance: 8 million due to the expansion of Medicaid and nearly 3 million the Congressional Health Plan (CHP).

However, we also said that the obvious intent of the Kerry plan is to completely replace the individual and small group markets by offering generous subsidies to join Medicaid or the CHP. If everyone responds to these incentives, almost one of every three people with private insurance would lose their current coverage as a result of the CHP alone.

Also there are at least 38 million people (about one in four of the privately insured) who currently have private insurance coverage who would be eligible for "free" government insurance under the Kerry Plan.

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