

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address August 9, 2013

“Health Care Roundtables”

Hello this is your congressman, Michael Burgess. I’m talking to you today from the campus of Denton Presbyterian Hospital. I’ve just finished up the fourth of four healthcare round tables that I’ve done during the first week of the August recess.

I set these up every year to have participation by citizens and the people who actually are responsible for delivering the care – the doctors, the nurses, the hospital employees, and administrators, and it’s been a useful series of healthcare roundtables because what have I heard from folks?

I’ve heard they’re concerned about some of the things they see happening in the Affordable Care Act, some of the things that quite honestly are just a few weeks away. They’re concerned because some of the rules seem to be changing even as things are rolling out. But most of all, I’ve heard concern over the cost and what is expected to happen to healthcare premiums.

Look, the whole idea was to get more people healthcare, but what we’ve done is give them more expensive coverage. Fact of the matter is that as this thing continues on its course towards October 1st, we’re going to find out more and more just how expensive and unworkable it will be.

I want to encourage you to visit the website healthcaucus.org. Periodically, we’ll post updates on what the latest is happening with the Affordable Care Act. And most of all, I want to solicit your input – if you have ideas, if you have concerns, things that you have heard in your neighborhood, or if you’re a healthcare provider in particular, I do want to hear from you as well.

Thanks for taking the time to listen, for more information on any of these issues please visit the main website at burgess.house.gov. God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.