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Keep paragraph 1

Then strike paragraphs 2/3 and insert:

Even though the Washington insiders and special interests pushing Obamacare have argued that enrolling more citizens in Medicaid is a guaranteed way to make South Carolinians healthier, that just isn't true. Nearly a quarter of our state received Medicaid benefits last year, and yet, South Carolina has been rated as only the 46th healthiest state. Now they want us to expand this program even more, adding another 500,000 enrollees at the cost of billions of additional dollars.

The goal shouldn't be to spend more money on Medicaid – it should be to make South Carolinians healthier. That's why my administration has focused on improving outcomes, cutting administrative costs, and holding health plans and providers accountable for their performance. We don't need another federal mandate in order to do this – quite the opposite. We need block grants and the flexibility that comes with them, so that we can improve health care in South Carolina instead of just expanding the bureaucracy.

Cut out the first half of paragraph 4 and just do the “encouraged to see you participate/please do not hesitate to contact me” close.

Thanks.

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