

# DOUG COX M.D.

## *Improving Quality of Care for Oklahomans*

*“I know the impact that quality health care, or lack of it, can have on a person’s life. As a physician, I have spoken with thousands of patients and administrators across the state and seen first-hand the difference that quality, compassionate care can have on individuals, especially the elderly. I will bring my experiences and expertise in this growing area of importance so that the needs of everyday citizens will not be overlooked.”*

### **More Choice for Elderly Care**

*As a physician who cares for senior citizens, I see the difficult choices that our elderly must often make regarding their care and quality of life. I will use my expertise in this area to help provide more care options to those elderly citizens who don’t need full time care but who do need some assistance to be able to stay in their homes. For those who do need full time care, I will work to ensure that those facilities are safe environments and will help hold long-term care facilities to high standards and protect our elderly citizens from being victimized while in someone else’s care.*



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### **Free Market Solutions for Affordable Health Care**

*Every family has different health care needs – some have serious health problems while others only need routine checkups. One solution to making health insurance more affordable is to allow families to select the type of health insurance policy that best fits their needs, and price it accordingly. Also, individuals should receive tax incentives, such as purchasing private health insurance with before tax dollars, to make quality health insurance more affordable. The answer to health care is not more government! Instead, I am committed to reducing the number of families and children in Oklahoma who are without health insurance through market-based solutions that preserve consumer choice.*

### **Keep Doctors In Oklahoma**

*The rising cost of malpractice insurance is making the cost of practicing medicine in Oklahoma unaffordable to doctors in certain specialties. I want to make sure that when Oklahomans need treatment, they don’t have to wait months to see a specialist or have to travel to another state for care. I will support legal reforms to keep Oklahoma’s doctors in business while encouraging new graduates to practice in our state.*

**Affordable, quality health care has become a larger concern for Oklahoma families in recent years. Doug Cox’s background in health care helps him to be an effective voice on health care and a strong advocate for consumers.**



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This is the first in a series of five position papers in which Doug Cox will address important issues facing our state.



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