

## **TOPIC ALERT: Health Care Reform**

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DR. BETH ERICKSON, Ph.D., speaker and author of "Marriage Isn't for Sissies" and "Longing for Dad: Father Loss and its Impact," in light of health care reform:

"People in unhappy marriages cost American businesses \$6.8 billion a year in absenteeism; pre-absenteeism; higher health care costs; and more depression, anxiety, domestic violence and chemical dependency. In these tumultuous economic times, problems that are left unattended become costly to businesses' bottom lines, as well as individuals' and families' emotional health and success. These could be addressed before people become statistics, if everyone had access to adequate health care. Health care should not be just the province of the privileged or those employed in big-enough businesses that provide health care coverage."

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