

## **Gibbs insists Obama not backing off public (government run) option**

Associated Press - 8/18/2009 9:30:00 AM

WASHINGTON - White House spokesman Robert Gibbs insists the Obama administration has not shifted its goals on health care reform or distanced itself from a government-run public insurance option.

He said in a meeting with reporters Tuesday morning that news stories suggesting that the administration was ready to abandon the public option as it battles to push health care reform through were overblown.

The rash of reports began after Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius (seh-BEEL'-yuhs) appeared to signal the president was open to health care cooperatives as an alternative.

Gibbs said there was no intention to indicate a change in policy. He said, "If it was a signal, it was a dog whistle we started blowing weeks ago."

Our note;

Many believe this was to test the waters. The response was positive from the right but was received very negatively by the far left. The White House was forced to back off when it saw they were losing the far left socialist democrats.

The President is still saying a Universal Health Plan, Health Care, Health Care Reform, or Health Insurance Reform bill (it does get confusing) will be passed this year.

Most surveys show that over 80% of Americans want health insurance reform, but more and more are absolutely against government involvement in any part of the health care industry.