



RETIRES FOR SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE

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What is Medicare For All (HR 676)

Part 3

Everybody In, Nobody Out - Gives every resident of the United States and the U.S. Territories access to all medically necessary health care services, including vision and dental, with no copays or deductibles regardless of employment, income or health status.

Non-Profit Health Care - Converts all private healthcare providers to a not-for-profit Health Care service where illness is no longer a source of wealth for a few.

Single Payer - Pays for that expanded coverage by maintaining the present level of federal and state funding for Health Care as well as turning the premiums now paid to private medical insurance companies into Medicare For All premiums.

Why Do We Need It

We are trapped in a Health Care system that needs to be reorganized. We need a Health Care system that is first and foremost for everybody in and nobody out. A Health Care system that covers us from birth to death. A Health Care system aimed at keeping us healthy and healing us when we are not.

We need to reorganize private healthcare providers into a not-for-profit Health Care service that puts the social relationship between patients and Health Care Professionals first. Puts keeping us healthy and healing us when we are not first.

We prepay for our Health Care. That's what we do when employees and employers put contributions into Medicare or pay premiums to a private medical insurance company.

Medicare is a trust. By law contributions of employees and employers cannot be used for anything but to provide Health Care for those of us who are 65 or older, or are permanently disabled and younger than 65. The administrative fees are 2-3% a year and no one is drawing multi-million dollar salaries for administrating it. No stockholders are receiving multi-billion dollar dividends from it. It negotiates directly with private healthcare businesses to give us access to Health Care professionals for Health Care to keep us healthy and heal us when we are not. It is not perfect.

Medical insurance companies pocket 20 to 30 percent of the premiums they are paid. Administrators collect multi-million dollar salaries and stockholders collect multi-billion dollar dividends. It is like putting your money in the bank and the bank only gives you back 70 to 80 percent of every dollar you put in and keeps the rest. It is perfect for them, that is why they are trying to take over Medicare through so-called Medicare Advantage plans.

We need to reorganize these pre-payments into a system that is perfect for us. It does not make sense to pre-pay for Health Care and then only receive 70 to 80 percent of what you paid for. Single Payer (Medicare For All) provides us with the way to prepay for and receive all medically necessary Health Care to keep us healthy and heal us when we are not. It puts the social relationship between the patient and Health Care Professionals first.

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