

Why we need real reform

The U.S. spend about twice as much on health care per person than all other industrialized nations. Yet, the World Health Organization ranks us No. 37 in the world in overall health care.

The bureaucracy created by our for-profit, private, health insurance system results in needless administrative costs that consume over 31% of every healthcare dollar. This money could:

- provide health care for the uninsured and underinsured;
- create 2.6 million good jobs;
- reduce costs for everyone by emphasizing prevention and primary care.

The only way to achieve universal health care while maintaining high quality while controlling costs is to pass a single-payer national health program based on an improved and expanded Medicare-for-All.

End the 62% of all bankruptcies in the United States which result from medical debt.

End the unnecessary deaths of more than 45,000 Americans each year from lack of health care—simply because they don't have health insurance to help pay for health care so they can live.

Health Care for All Texas

Health Care for All Texas is an all-volunteer, grassroots organization that promotes single-payer health care through education and policy setting.

Health Care for All Texas is part of a national movement that believes an improved Medicare-for-All national health program based on a single-payer model is not only the best moral solution to our health care crisis, but also the most fiscally prudent one.

Join Us!

Help build this movement!

The Houston chapter of Health Care for All Texas holds meetings on the second Thursday of every month in the Jones Building, 2nd floor, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at:

St. Paul's United Methodist Church,
5501 Main Street, Houston, TX 77004.

See our action page, events calendar, and links to other advocacy groups at:

www.healthcareforalltexas.org

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Supporting

A single-payer national health program through

Improved Medicare-for-All

Health care based on need— not on ability to pay

Universal health care— everyone in, nobody out



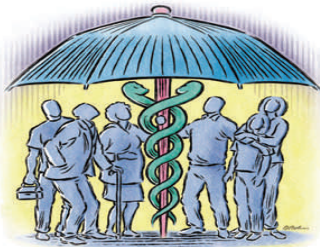
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The new legislation will provide a measure of relief for some. It will not give us universal or affordable health care. It creates more bureaucracy and does not eliminate the root cause of the problem: the for-profit health insurance companies. We pay them a great deal of money and in return they:

- limit our choice of providers;
- make profit by denying care;
- waste billions of dollars with unnecessary bureaucracy

**We have a
BETTER APPROACH!**



What is Medicare-for-All?

An Improved Medicare-for-All would be a single payer national health program. It could bring in about \$400 billion dollars each year by ending the waste created from our current multi-payer for-profit, health insurance system. It could give us comprehensive benefits while covering everyone without increasing spending simply by re-capturing the money from this administrative waste.

A progressive, national tax would replace premiums, co-pays, and deductibles. Most of us would pay much less than we pay now. No one would go bankrupt from high medical debt. No would go without health care from lack of money to pay for it. Most doctors and other providers would remain private, and patients could choose any doctor or hospital they wanted.

Estimate your savings!

Use our online healthcare calculator.

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Find out more!

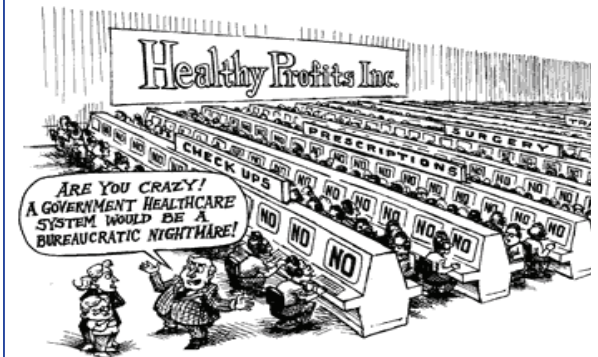
What is true, meaningful health care reform that will continue to be affordable and of high quality? We have answers.

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What value does the private health insurance industry offer?

Health insurance companies do not provide the health care nor do they contribute money to pay for it other than your premium payments. No other advanced country bases its health care system on for-profit companies. The “health insurance” business is like no other. There is no product and there is no service.

Why should health insurance companies be subsidized and protected?



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead